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Farr Declares; Hallett Leaves Options Open

SWEATERS KNITTED BY RED CROSS Volunteers were given to folks at Rippling River and the Shelter for Battered Women in Monterey for Christmas. Lynette Balesteri, director of the Carmel Chapter, shows off one of the garments made in the knitting program which began in World War I. Bobbi and Rex Shudde were among the volunteers who accompanied Balesteri to Rippling River. Receiving the gifts is Margaret Wilson with her dog, Beanie.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

By Stan Hall

Assemblyman Sam Farr, D-Carmel, jumped into the campaign to succeed Leon Panetta in the U. S. House Tuesday, and former Republican Assembly leader Carol Hallett left open the possibility she might make the race.

Standing on the steps of Monterey's Colton Hall, Farr, 51, said he had "trepidations" about trying to fill Panetta's shoes. But he went on to try to tie himself closely to the veteran chairman of the House Budget Committee, saying they "shared many of the same values," including an interest in deficit reduction.

"I may not be Leon Panetta, but I am Sam Farr, and I have a similar dedication," he said to the applause of his supporters.

Farr said the three cornerstones of his campaign for the 17th Congressional seat would be environmental protection, educational excellence and economic prosperity. He added that he already had assurances from Congressional leaders that if he were elected, he could be appointed to the Agriculture and Interior Committees as he wanted.

Farr's entry into the race brought to three the number of Democrats having declared. Only one Republican has announced, but many political observers suggested that the strongest GOP contender would be Hallett.

"A lot of people have called me, but I don't want to give them a lot of encouragement," she said in a telephone interview with the *Sun* from Washington.

Now serving as U. S. Customs Director, Hallett maintains a home in Carmel Highlands from which she could run for the seat Panetta will vacate to become Budget Director in President-elect Bill Clinton's new administration.

"I am certainly not ruling it out," Hallett said when reached late Friday in her Treasury Department office. "I haven't seen all the figures yet, but I understand the registration is not good for a Republican (in the new 17th district.)"

She expressed interest when told that Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck of Salinas and Mayor Lance McClair of Seaside already had declared on the Democratic side. She spoke with the *Sun* before Farr's Monterey announcement—one of four he planned to make the same day. The others were set for Santa Cruz, Salinas and Hollister.

Hallett said she would not be surprised if Farr and Assemblyman Rusty Areias also sought the seat. Farr represents the 28th Assembly district and Areias the 25th.

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Secrecy of Zoning Petition Drive Group Is Attacked and Praised

By Isabelle Hall

The secrecy of the membership of a group working to overturn Carmel's new zoning ordinance before it can take effect has Carmel buzzing once again.

Al Eisner, former owner of the Carmel *Pine Cone* who is the leader of the group, said he has a lot of support and it is not pertinent who the people are. His position was attacked by those opposing his effort to get the 403 signatures needed to put the issue on the ballot—and defended by those against the zoning changes.

Eisner, meantime, said he was pleased with the response in his drive to get signatures.

Mayor Ken White was one of those eager to learn who Eisner's supporters are, saying he said he would like the opportunity to talk with the Eisner group. They want a referendum to overturn the City Council's 4-1 approval of changes that would move the Central Commercial (CC) zone south to Seventh Avenue and change various uses.

"He's just keeping it very secretive," White said. "I would sure like the opportunity to talk to them. A number of people have reported to me they signed it but haven't read the entire document. That's bothersome to me."

Both Charlotte Townsend and Alan Williams decried in telephone interviews the "negativism" on opposing sides in the zoning fight which has raged for 2-1/2 years. Their positions were interesting insofar as they are on opposite sides of the issue. Townsend was mayor in 1984 when

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Redistricting Map Portends Major Political Changes

By Carolyn Rice

Meeting at a hospital to accommodate a colleague who just had surgery, supervisors Monday approved a county redistricting map recommended by their special three man commission which would put two incumbents in each of two districts.

The special board meeting in Community Hospital was the latest chapter in a costly and bizarre 21-month saga that has now seen the approval or endorsement of four different maps in an effort to draw new lines as required following the 1990 census.

After approving the commission's recommended map—drawn by District Attorney Dean Flippo—members numbered the new districts so that elections will be held June 8 in Districts 1, 4 and 5, assuming that the Justice Department approves the latest map. If necessary, a runoff election would be held Aug. 3.

Approval of the new map, combined with Rep. Leon Panetta's decision to join the Clinton Administration, holds out the prospect of a major shakeup in the political power base in Monterey County.

Late Monday, a spokesman in County Counsel's office said he was trying to get the board's latest ordinance on its way to the Justice Department in Washington before the end of the day.

Fourth District Supervisor Sam Karas called the nearly two year long redistricting process, "the worst mess I've ever seen in being a supervisor of eight years."

Flippo's map placed Karas in the same district with Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman. It also placed First and Second District Supervisors Judy

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Poohar Takes Helm of Carmel Realtors Association

By Isabelle Hall

Stephen Poohar, incoming president of the Carmel Association of Realtors (CAR), predicted the real estate market is going to pick up in about a year, adding "We will see another real estate boom on the Monterey Peninsula towards the end of the decade."

Meanwhile, he said it's a great time to buy with prices depressed and sellers becoming realistic about what their property is worth as local prices are "probably back where they were in 1988-89."

"The California Association of Realtors is predicting a turnaround in late 1993," Poohar said in an interview. "The Monterey Peninsula usually lags six or nine months. People say the California State economy is not going to turn around until 1995, and it's doubtful that housing will lead the state out of recession.

"But as soon as that happens, there will be the same pent-up demand that we had in 1989-90 and in 1979-80."

The tall, dark-haired, bearded Poohar believes the days are gone when people can make a lot of money with quick turn around speculation in real estate and this will take some people out of the market. In addition, he said the Bay Area and Los Angeles, the source of most peninsula buyers, are both depressed, and it is "a very special person" who can afford this area without having built up equity in the pricey California housing market.

"An increasing number of buyers are looking at residential real estate in terms of the quality of life it gives them, not necessarily just as an investment," Poohar explained, and on that score he said the Monterey Peninsula remains highly attractive.

For example, Poohar pointed out:

- There are only 2,500 houses in Carmel-by-the-Sea, the world-acclaimed jewel of the peninsula, and just 2,600 in adjacent Pebble Beach.
- Statistics say the coming baby boom is going to be bigger than after World War II.
- Virtually anyone who visits the area "would love to live here. There are less urban problems, a lower crime rate, virtually no pollution, minuscule problems with drugs and the gay population is not as prolific as in other parts of the country."

The moratorium on building imposed by the water management district only made the real estate market better, Poohar explained, because it created a housing shortage by taking people out of the market who were going to build or remodel.

The lucrative area covered by the Carmel Association of Realtors had 943 active listings through Dec. 10, according to Poohar, worth a stunning $691,140,174. Year to date, 539 listings had sold through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) worth a total $242,222,433.

The largest board on the peninsula, Carmel has 537 members with 114 offices and the highest dollar volume

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LETTERS

Who's Intruding on Whom?

As a resident of Carmel, I was extremely embarrassed for all Carmelites by the recent comment of City Councilwoman Barbara Livingston about the 65-year-old pine tree which is fighting for its life.

I could possibly understand her statement if the house had been recently built, but how can a "turn of the century" house be an intrusion on a 65-year-old tree? Ms. Livingston's powers of mathematical deduction need sharpening.

I also learned from a friend who called to chide the City Council of our fair village that the incident was reported that evening on the nationally televised Rush Limbaugh Show. Oh, my!

Shannon Thomas
Carmel

Holiday Wishes from Bobo

Bobo wishes to wish a merry Christmas and a good new year to all his friends in the Village and all the kind people who helped him when he was lost on Cachagua Road.

This message from Bobo, a part German Shepherd who was rescued by people in the Valley last year after being abandoned, was delivered by Araby Colton, who adopted him.—The Ed.

A Teppich-Sacker Yule Tale

Once again upon a time, there was a lovely little hamlet along the American West Coast named Carmel-by-the-Sea. It was a wonderful community where the good burghers, the shop keepers and the Gummihalsers (translation - rubberneckers) co-existed rather well.

It was usually a peaceful village and most of the good burghers went by a philosophy of live and let live. Last year, there had been a ruckus engendered by certain burghers who did not approve of the method of selecting members of the hamlet's Planning Commission; however, this eventually subsided.

A spirited election in April saw a new Burgomeister and two new Hamlet Councillors voted in. The five person Council now included three members of the CDA (Carmel Dwellers Association).

After a brief period of jousting between the CDA and the GOGO's (Good Old Government Organization), the hamlet settled down to tranquility again. The Planning Commission, after two years of exhaustive study, overwhelmingly approved a revised commercial district zoning plan which intended to equalize opportunity for all.

Following this, hearings were conducted by the Hamlet Council this autumn and on December 8, they voted 4-1 to approve the improved zoning revision. To the amazement of the hamlet's good burghers, even two of the Council's CDA members voted in favor of it, thus assuring its passage.

Meanwhile, in a neighboring hamlet of Carmelthal (translation - Carmel Valley), a certain citizen woke up in the middle of the night and saw a vision which told him that he must lead a crusade in Carmel-by-the-Sea to save the good burghers from themselves and from the Hamlet Council.

Thereupon, acting on this midnight vision, Albert (the Iceman) Teppich-Sacker (translation - carpetbagger) moved into Carmel-by-the-Sea to lead a movement to sink the work of the Hamlet Council.

Although the zoning plan had been in the works for two years, Teppich-Sacker never appeared before the Planning Commission hearings to bespeak his point of view. Only when it came before the Hamlet Council did Teppich-Sacker appear on the scene to lobby for his position.

Now, it has come to pass in this season of rejoicing, that Teppich-Sacker has installed himself from time to time at an entrance to Post Office 93921 to lead his visionary crusade to upset the good work of the Planning Commission and the Hamlet Council.

With verbal warnings of a T-shirt epidemic, Teppich-Sacker is attempting to gather names on a petition to force an election on the subject, at a cost of $12,000 to the good burghers of the hamlet, even at this time of serious budget problems.

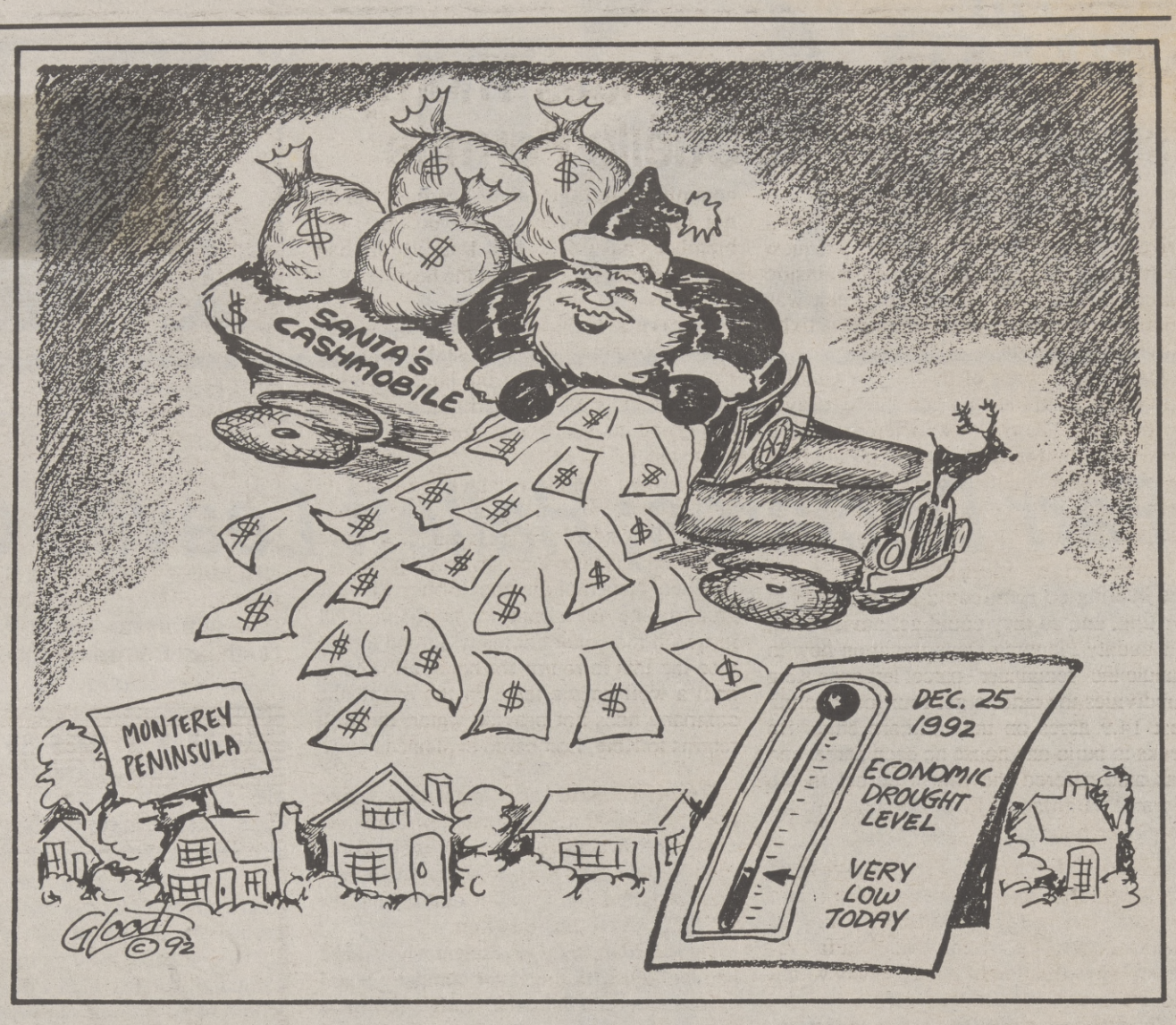
Teppich-Sacker shows a sign and gives out flyers in the form of an editorial from *The Herald*. However, upon investigation, the message shown is only a news item from the *Herald*. The *Herald* does not endorse Teppich-Sacker's crusade.

When asked whom he represented, Teppich-Sacker answered that he represented the good burghers of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Upon further discussion, he confessed that he represented only some of the burghers of his newly adopted hamlet.

Teppich-Sacker stated that an election would result in a vote heavily favoring his midnight inspired vision. However, his confidence was seen to be rather thin when he turned down a $20 bet on the outcome.

Ah, the joys and miseries of this beautiful hamlet. As the Bard aptly put it, "Double, double, toil and trouble, Fire burn and cauldron bubble." But for the present, from another Englishman of note, "Merry Christmas to all and to all, a good night."

Erling Lagerholm
Carmel



Twice as Nonsensical?

Since California already is known as the land of the fruits and the nuts throughout much of the rest of the country, I hope people elsewhere don't hear about the latest nonsense in Carmel.

To oppose allowing a homeowner to cut down a tree that is destroying the structure can only be called nonsense. And it is twice as nonsensical when you consider that the house is older than the tree and that the tree did not grow naturally but was planted.

I thought the policy in Carmel was to encourage preservation of old structures, not to hasten their destruction. I know the policy in the city also is to preserve trees whenever possible, and I fully support it. Trees are an integral component in Carmel's charm and beauty.

But good grief, common sense must prevail. New trees will grow, additional "turn of the century" houses won't.

If the homeowner isn't allowed to protect his property, I don't know what the rest of the country will think of us. I know I will think we have got our priorities completely backward.

Robert D. Baines
Carmel

Put Heuer in Wrong Party

A front page article in last week's *Sun* identified me incorrectly as a Democrat. I have been a registered Republican for many years. In practice, I'm an independent who regularly crosses party lines to vote for the best candidate.

In dealing with local water, traffic and land use issues, I have found that national party affiliation is quite irrelevant.

Dick Heuer
Carmel Valley

Thanks for Holiday Faire Coverage

The Board of the United Methodist Women of the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel wishes to express its appreciation for your newspaper's excellent coverage of the UMW's Holiday Faire that was held Nov. 21.

Carolyn Rice's pictures and story were well done and will remind people to come to the Faire next year. The women of the church put in a lot of time and much effort, and the community support makes it possible for the organization to contribute to various worthwhile projects.

Your support makes a difference.

Ruth Kelly, secretary
UMW, Church of the Wayfarer

Criticism of Sunset Plan Uninformed?

The good citizens of Carmel should be embarrassed and angry that "politics" is now behind the current attacks on the "value" of our cultural and historical jewel, the Sunset Center Complex. Just because Mayor White supports the continued use of the facility, does the CCGG, in turn, feel obligated to come out against it, or what?

While Mr. Nieman and the CCGG may have many valid points to raise on the various issues surrounding Carmel, residents should take note that the "facts and figures" they are quoting concerning Sunset Center are uninformed, and many of them are simply untrue.

The entire issue being raised over "increased parking" shows that someone at CCGG is terribly misinformed. The task force is not recommending an increase in the number of seats at Sunset Center, so why would there be increased parking? Come on, guys, you're not making sense!

Much is being said about whether or not the facility is a "money maker." By Mr. Nieman's own admission, in 1991-92, Sunset Center earned over $180,000 for city coffers. Sounds to me like money is being made somewhere and it sure isn't the Maintenance Department, or the Police Station, or the Library. No, it's over at Sunset Center. But then again, is Mr. Nieman seriously asking all of these departments to show a profit or they will be allowed to deteriorate?

Cries of "hypocrisy" over allowing nighttime performances and not allowing nighttime business activities also make little sense. Performances of theater, music and dance have been going on in Carmel since Herbert Heron's 1910 production of *David* at Carmel's Forest Theater, a part of the current Sunset Center complex. This predates the incorporation of Carmel by six years.

Artists founded the city, controlled the councils, and are largely responsible for the City's Charter. And it was artists who initially protected Carmel from over-development. To try to "use" the General Plan to pit the profit-making business community against Carmel's non-profit performing arts groups (that provide Carmel with what little character it has left) is just dirty politics.

The performing arts were once grandly celebrated in Carmel and were the focus of the town. Unfortunately, over the past 20 years, debates over the finer points of a particular drama have been superseded with debates over ice-cream, T-shirts and zoning changes.

If the citizens of Carmel do not speak their mind, support Sunset Center and help save the arts in Carmel, then the town will indeed become another Pismo Beach!

Stephen Moorer
Carmel

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Highlands/Bixby Continues Thorny Issues; Approves Odello Permits

By Isabelle Hall

A Highlands man was told to redesign a driveway to his cliffside house and a request to resubdivide a 466.6-acre mountainside parcel just north of Mal Paso Creek was continued Monday by the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee.

Dan Keig, owner of the former Charles Sawyer land on the east side of Highway 1 north of Mal Paso Creek, offered to put a deed restriction on 430 acres of his land but he objected strenuously when a resident of the area suggested he give it to the state or the park district.

Committee members continued the hearing so Keig could put his offer in writing, and so they could get advice from the county Planning Department on how to handle the "remainder" parcel left once Keig subdivides the land to get four lots totaling just 14.9 acres on the southern edge. He seeks to build one house on each parcel and has also offered the fourth parcel to the Carmel Highlands Fire Department for employee housing.

Asked if he would deed the rest of his steep lot as a scenic easement in return for the driveway, Willard G. Clark of Hanford said, "I don't think that's a fair request." Construction of the driveway would require removal of about 28 trees.

The advisory committee wanted the property owners to deed their land to open space although Tony Lombardo, attorney for both owners, said California had a state law "that prevents requiring a scenic easement" in return for granting development approval.

Although the land on Mt. Devon, high above Highway 1 does not percolate, Clark said there might be some waste system he could use in the future and, "I don't think I should be crucified now for what I might do in 10 years. I don't think I should get nailed to the dart board here." Both applications will be heard again Jan. 18.

It was a different situation when Bruna and Bruno Odello appeared to ask for renewal of permits for three years to develop their artichoke farmland at the mouth of the Valley.

Chair Barbara Rainer noted that extension of the permits was part of the deal announced last week when the Big Sur Land Trust took an option to buy and preserve the Odello's 134-acre land for $5.6 million. The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

"If the permit is not extended they (the Big Sur Land Trust) must go forward with the agreement," Rainer explained. "This gives them some time."

"It's been my dream from Day One," Bruno Odello said. "I hate to turn over a spade when we can put this to rest." The family had been working for the past 30 years to win approval for development of their land until the land trust proposal was approved.

Keig applied to resubdivide his land into four parcels of 5 acres, 3.1 acres, 2.6 acres and 4.2 acres, leaving the rest as one "remainder" parcel which he said he would restrict against further development beyond one house. He said he would like to put a barn at the top of the parcel out of the viewshed.

Joanne Ratcliffe, a resident of the Yankee Point area, protested the proposal, contending that an agreement for the Carmel Riviera Mutual Water Co. to service Keig's lots would hurt the supply of water to other residents. She also suggested he dedicate the remainder parcel to the state or parks.

"That's why I bought it," Keig told her. "I don't want the state there and anybody in your neighborhood that wants the state there is feeble-minded."

He explained he would like to put a barn on the top next to the land on which he lives and asked her, "Would you feel comfortable with one building?"

"I don't feel comfortable with anything," Ratcliffe said. "The public is not informed on what is going on."

County rules do not require advisory committees to notice their hearings and do not provide any money for postage, but member Paul Ernest told Ratcliffe he had called several people about the hearing.

"There's a finite amount of water that's allowable," Ratcliffe said. "As a user I'm concerned. A lot of big houses are being built and I got to thinking those people are going to use a lot more water than we're using."

The water company, which is owned by all the residents in the area, now serves about 132 residences and is required to serve 48 vacant lots once they are developed.

When Keig bought the former Sawyer property, he got a contract singed in 1988 in which the water company agreed to service the lots in return for being allowed to drill a well on the land. In the event, the company does not provide water, the well returns to Keig, Lombardo explained.

Ratcliffe said she was concerned that the $2,000 assessed each of the water company owners for the new well would then be lost, but Keig told her the agreement required him to pay for the cost of the well if it was returned to him.

Hans Jordan, another resident who said he had worked with the water company board of directors, said that with "Keig's readiness to put restrictions on the remainder parcel to no more than one lot, the community is served very well and the water company too because they'd have fewer connections."

Keig said understanding "a piece of property as complicated as this is like Sherlock Holmes. The Carmel Riviera Water Co. wasn't about to tell me about that (the contract) when I bought the land." He said he only discovered the contractual agreement searching through old documents.

"This is prime viewshed land," Rainer said, "We're really concerned about it. I would like something in writing about remainder property. I don't understand it."

"You put the condition on it," Keig said, and he would sign it.

The committee spent nearly two hours at the site of Clark's proposed driveway which was designed to cross a vacant parcel he owns adjacent to the land where his family bought a stone house on a steep cliff 35 years ago.

"Could the rest of the lot be deeded as scenic easement to protect this property in that it's so steep?" Rainer asked him.

"I have hopes that one day this lot will be buildable," Clark told her. He said some day a better septic system might be created which would make the land buildable, and "it's still a valuable piece of property."

Mark Devidian, a member of the committee whose land is directly adjacent to Clark, said the Carmel Highlands Fire Department said the proposed road could serve only the existing Clark house. Devidian stepped down from voting on the driveway because of a conflict of interest.

Clark said he bought the second lot on which he wanted to build the driveway for his children with the idea of building on it but, "It's a major effort for me to lug groceries up and down from the road." He said his garage on the curve of Mt. Devon also was dangerous.

Four neighbors wrote letters to the Planning Department saying they approved of his plan.

Clark was asked to submit a separate proposal for a driveway that would climb steeply to the house on the other side of the property. Several people noted that steep driveways were common in the Highlands.

CV Women Meet Jan. 6

Ron Minor of the Criminal Investigation Department of the IRS will be the speaker at the Carmel Valley Women's Club meeting Jan. 6 at Chef Lee's Mandarin House, 2031 N. Fremont, Monterey. The meeting begins at 11:30. For reservations and information, telephone 372-1877.

CROWDS TURNED OUT FOR CHRISTMAS Tea at the First Murphy House in Carmel Friday. Councilwoman Barbara Brooks, above left, chatted with Edgar Pye, who made many of the pastries, and Noel Van Bibber, president of the Northeast Carmel Neighbors Association. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

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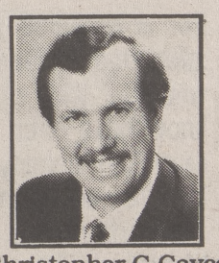

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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL RANCHO. A Seaside man, who only had 13 cents on him, was observed hiding eight bottles of liquor in a sportsbag at Albertsons. Employees told a deputy he tried to run when accosted. The liquor was valued at $151.92, they said. 12/14.

SOUTH COAST. A Vancouver woman said her car was burglarized while parked on Highway 1 north of Point Lobos by someone who punched out the passenger door lock. Taken were a cellular phone, $100 in cash and a purse with her credit cards and wallet. 12/14.

CARMEL VALLEY. A man who lives on Schulte Road told deputies he had a man tow his Toyota pickup away to work on it—only the man sold it to a Marina man for $3,000 worth of stereo equipment. 12/14.

Tourist Loses Wallet

CARMEL RANCHO. A Maryland woman said she lost her wallet in the Barnyard parking lot. 12/14.

VILLAGE. A Salinas man was arrested for being drunk in public in Kasey's parking lot. 12/14.

VALLEY. A Carmel Valley woman said her car was burglarized at Carmel Valley Racquet Club by someone who smashed the window and took her purse containing $80. 12/14.

VALLEY. A Carmel Valley woman said the window of her car was smashed out while parked at the Carmel Valley Racquet Club, but nothing was stolen. She told a deputy the thief apparently was scared off by the car alarm. 12/14.

VALLEY. A man who lives on Carmel Valley Road near the mouth of the Valley said he heard a woman scream and a man's voice. An investigation found nothing. 12/14.

CACHAGUA. A woman from Prince's Camp reported the theft of recycled cans from a bin on Nason Road. 12/15.

HIGHLANDS. A Marina woman was taken to Natividad Hospital for observation after leaping from a moving vehicle near Highlands Inn and threatening to jump off a cliff. 12/15.

RIO ROAD. A Sacramento woman reported she lost her keys at the Crossroads. 12/16.

Drug Dealing Feared

VALLEY. The principal at Carmel Middle School reported two students possibly were dealing in marijuana on campus. 12/16.

VALLEY. A Carmel Valley man, reporting fuel leaking from his vehicle, reported he thought it might have been tampered with overnight. 12/16.

VALLEY. A Carmel man reported someone tried to break into his car while it was parked at Carmel Valley Racquet Club by punching out the passenger door lock. 12/16.

CAMEL RANCHO. Albertsons employees reported a juvenile ran out of the store with a 12-pack of beer, jumped into a waiting Mustang and fled to the east. 12/16.

SOUTH COAST. A Bayview man reported two men broke out a window on his car while it was parked at Garrapata Beach. 12/16.

Vineyard Loses Tools

CACHAGUA. Galente Vineyards reported the theft of two chain saws, two hand saws, a weed eater and a 10-foot tree trimmer from a storage shed. 12/16.

VILLAGE. A man reported a burglary at his Southbank home between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. He said a VCR, fax, Nintendo games, a cordless telephone and cash were taken. He said the items were valued at $2,715 and the cash totaled $1,225. 12/16.

CACHAGUA. The owner of Featherbow Ranch reported he was threatened by a man who rents a house from him because he wouldn't allow dogs in it. 12/16.

VALLEY. Employees at Mid Valley Safeway said a juvenile took a 6-pack of beer and fled on a mountain bike. 12/17.

CACHAGUA. The Los Padres dam keeper reported a vehicle with a broken axle was left in the parking lot. 12/18.

BIG SUR. Officials at St. Francis of the Redwoods reported an ongoing problem with a trespasser living on the church property. 12/18.

Bug Found in Pond

VALLEY. A 1967 VW Bug was found in a pond at the southeast corner of Valley Greens and Rancho San Carlos Road. A Deputy said no one was around. 12/18.

CACHAGUA. A woman said she found the front door of her Tassajara Road home open and three strange dogs locked in the bathroom. She also said the bath tub faucet had been left running. A deputy said nothing had been taken and there were no suspects. 12/19.

SOUTH COAST. A Gorda man said he found his friend dead in Mill Creek Canyon below Nacimiento-Ferguson Road. The rescue team scaled down 1,200 feet to recover the victim, identified as Thomas Granai, 46, of Long Beach who had been in the area panning for gold and meditating. Exposures is suspected as the cause of death, a deputy said. 12/19.

VALLEY. A 12-by-8 inch "splicer's box" containing microfiches for Pacific Bell phone lines was found at Berwick and Carmel Valley Roads and returned to the company. 12/20.

RIO ROAD. A security man found an open door at Alltree Insurance, but nothing seemed amiss. 12/20.

WORKMEN INSTALL FENCING along the edge of the river channel as part of the deDampierre restoration project being done by the water management district near the Carmel Valley Little League park to reduce erosion and the threat of flooding. The fencing, being placed at major curves in the river, will help hold willows in place during heavy river flows until the new plants become established.
Sun photo by Steve Davis

More CV Road Utility Undergrounding Set

The Board of Supervisors approved the creation of a utility district to complete the undergrounding of utility wires on Carmel Valley Road from Via Petra to Valley Greens Drive. Work on the 1.75 mile stretch is expected to cost close to $1.5 million when it is finished.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman commented that she knew of no road more deserving of the beautification that the undergrounding would provide unless it was Highway 1 down the Big Sur coast.

Work on the first phase of the project, from Via Petra to just east of Rancho San Carlos Road, is underway and should be finished shortly.

Phases two and three will not be done until fiscal 1996-1997, said Director Gerald Gromko of the Public Works Department, but the board had to create the utility district before the end of the year to to be eligible for funds to complete the project.

Herb Naslund said money for the project comes from a pool created by the State Public Utilities Commission which requires utilities to set aside a percentage of income for such purposes.

He said phase one would cost from $460,000 to $500,000. Phases two and three will cost from $800,000 to $1 million, he said.

The board unanimously approved the creation of the district at its Dec. 15 meeting.

Naslund said the criteria for deciding which roads should be eligible for undergrounding was based on high traffic usage and visual sensitivity.

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Carmel Breathes Big Budget Sigh of Relief

The City of Carmel was advised it will receive some $439,000 in funds that were overpaid to PERS, the state employees retirement fund after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal on the issue.

The funds made up most of the $578,304 shortfall in the 1992-93 budget. They had not been paid pending a decision on the appeal.

The money was earmarked to make up a $225,000 payment to the Workers' Compensation Fund, an $85,000 installment payment due in February on the Rio Park debt, and to make payments of $100,000 to the Health Insurance Fund and $29,000 to the General Fund.

Two weeks ago the city was advised that it could legally make a proposed prepayment of $460,000 of the debt on its $1.75 million Rio Park purchase to lower future interest payments.

Susanne K. Hebert, 42-Year Resident, Dies

Longtime county resident Susanne K. Hebert, 73, died Sunday at Community Hospital.

A native of Berkeley, she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, Commodore Sloat Chapter of D. A. R., Central Coast WaterColor Society and a founding member of the Jr. League of Monterey County.

She lived in Monterey County 42 years, the past six at Del Mesa Carmel. An occupational therapist, she was last employed at Natividad Hospital where she worked 15 years.

Survivors are her husband, Frank, and a son, Alan C. Hebert of Palo Alto. No services are planned. The family suggested memorial contributions be made to the SPCA, P. O. Box 3058, Monterey, 93942.

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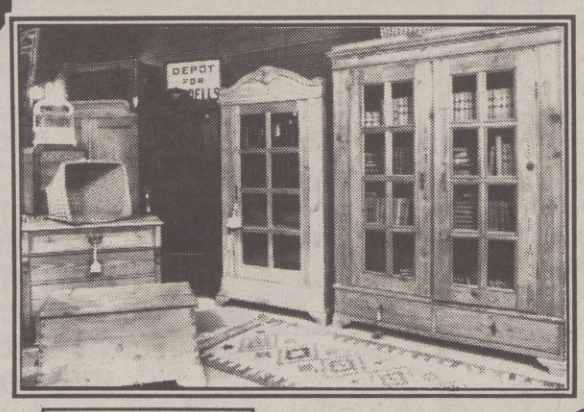

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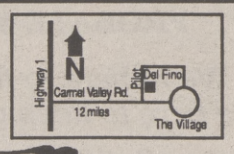

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Zoning Petitions Gathered at Post Office

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the area that is to be changed was downzoned so Carmel Plaza could have CC zoning. Williams is a spokesman for Carmel Citizens for Good Government (CCGG).

"I do support them and I think that for many reasons Al (Eisner) is being very discrete and I do support that," said Townsend who was defeated by Clint Eastwood, a member of CCGG, in the 1986 election. "We're getting into very sticky ground. There's been so much divisiveness and so much acrimony."

Townsend said she was "pretty appalled at so much negativism" at the Dec. 8 council meeting when the ordinance was given second reading. "It's really a shame that people are so worn out they can't see issues clearly. There are some small groups in our village that have seemingly a great deal of money and who publicize very derogative statements that people feel threatened. People in our city government feel threatened."

"What bothers me more than anything else is that someone who's not participated in the process could come in at the last minute and turn the city upside down," said Williams. "I don't think it should be so mysterious who his people are. It's a small community and I think the people have the right to know. I don't know why people collecting names aren't honest enough to put their names on the petition."

Williams said of Eisner "his attitude, his whole presentation to the City Council is one of extreme negativism. He's ignored the bridges that have been built between the CCGG and the CRA. I don't think either group is fully happy but that's what government's all about."

A referendum would put to the voters an ordinance extending the Central Commercial zone to Seventh Avenue, changing business uses allowed and simplifying the entire process of getting a business license. Opponents contend it would open the way for more tourist-serving shops.

Eisner said, "We're doing well, and we'll be out there tomorrow and Tuesday at the Post Office, then we'll take a rest over Christmas. We have some people counting petitions and visiting neighbors, friends and neighbors" to get more signatures.

Although Eisner would not disclose his supporters, and the leadership of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA) said its board of directors had never taken a vote on the subject, other sources pointed to some members of the residents organization and to members of the 1984 City Council.

Eisner created a poster with the headline, "Does Carmel Need More Tourist Shops?" and a copy of an article in the *Herald* based on his announcement of the petition drive.

"As soon as they see the little poster, people are lining up to sign," he said.

"I think that's dishonest because he's made it look like the *Herald's* endorsement and it's just his letter to the *Herald*," said Marian Leidig whose property is involved in the zoning change.

In order to force a vote on the controversial issue, 403 signatures of Carmel voters are required to be turned in to City Clerk Jeanne Brehmer by 5 p.m. Jan. 7 when the ordinance takes effect. The signatures then must be verified and taken to the council in February. The council can call an election or rescind the ordinance.

Asked what the ballot would look like if a referendum is required, White said, "Two positions are allowed on the ballot. I'm not even at that point mentally. I definitely think that both sides have to be told. It's even unclear to me what they're going to put on the ballot if they do get the signatures. So much of that ordinance is badly needed."

Williams said Eisner had "ignored all the good things that happened in zoning, the streamlining of government. He's literally throwing out the baby with the bathwater. There's more falsehood in it than fact. We have to take a look and see how he's going to put it forth to the public."

Almost as if she were having a conversation with Williams, Townsend told the *Sun*, "Some people have argued, 'You're throwing out the baby with the bath.' The only way to keep resident-serving businesses is through zoning." She said the Planning Commission didn't have public hearings on the issue. She said she did not consider the series of public meetings when the commission discussed zoning over the past 2-1/2 years to be the same as public hearings or town meetings.

The former mayor said she thought White "has really tried to bring different elements together. When I was in office there was never all this examination of political actions by the press. There was not so much acrimony."

David Maradei, president of the CRA, said, "As president of our board, I can't take a position one way or another. I reiterate that our basic position has been consistent throughout the public hearings that the Planning Commission held that we believed there should be a General Plan process, and we were very disappointed when the council went ahead and approved a zoning line and use changes that we disagreed with.

"I feel uncomfortable about taking a personal position," he said. "I will be looking to see if enough signatures are gathered, if they get enough signatures then the board will let me know how they want to act. To the best of my knowledge there are no CRA members personally involved. This is another group that's being led by Al Eisner."

Maradei shares a house with Eisner and made the statement noting that he couldn't help but see people who might visit their house.

In addition to Maradei who served on the 1984 city council, there are 11 members of the CRA board of directors: Jane Mayer, Clayton and Linda Anderson, Jim Holliday, Bruce Kibby, Howard Skidmore, Lou Ungaretti, Ann Woolworth, Beth Wright, Judith Wolfe and Lou Rolle.

Mayer, Woolworth and CRA member Dr. Ben Heller all have been involved in the petition drive outside the Post Office where Eisner set up a table, according to residents picking up their mail.

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston, a CRA member, cast the lone vote against changing the zoning and said she would sign the petition.

CRA directors Linda Anderson and Skidmore told the *Sun* last week they did not support it, reflecting some of the divided opinion within the residents group.

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Town Hall Meeting Will Discuss Issues

Residents are invited to a Town Hall Meeting Jan. 11 to hear about proposals for a Carmel Post Office Plaza, the hunt for a new city administrator and how tour bus companies operate.

Mayor Ken White scheduled the meeting, his second since being elected last April, for 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall.

Three tour bus companies will give a presentation including a profile data on their passengers and their activities while visiting the city.

The 2016 Committee will make a presentation on its proposals for creating a Post Office Plaza. Members will show the advantages of creating a larger landscaped area in front of the post office to expand the area as a community place and also will discuss traffic and "drop box" alternatives.

White said he and the council also will provide current information on the search for a new city administrator to replace Doug Schmitz who resigned in March.

La Mirada Seeks New Docents

La Mirada, an extension of the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, will begin a 12 week docent training session on Jan. 4. The Monday sessions will include the history of La Mirada, decorative arts, Asian art and early California art. Call 625-0427 for more information on the docent program.

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Regional Ambulance Seeks to Expand into Non-Emergency Service

By Stan Hall

The Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance is marking six successful months of emergency ambulance operation with its own paramedics by planning to expand to offer non-emergency service.

"I'm surprised at how smoothly it has been going," said Richard Patterson, manager of the regional ambulance service for Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur, when asked to sum up the past six months.

Since June 9, the fireman-directed agency has staffed its ambulances with its own employees—nine paramedics and six emergency medical technicians (EMTs). They are on duty 24 hours every day, stationed in Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur.

The regional agency began providing paramedic staffed emergency ambulances in the region in November of 1990 using contract paramedics from Peninsula Medics Ambulance. But after a disagreement, Pen Med cancelled its contract early this year, sending the agency scrambling to hire its own personnel.

At that time, directors of the agency expressed concern that it probably would have to replace many of its new hires because they were being brought on board with so little time for screening.

Patterson said that hasn't proved to be the case. All the people the agency hired initially are still with it, and Patterson credited them with making the transition from Pen Med personnel go smoothly.

"We've kept all of them," Patterson said, "I'm surprised we haven't lost some of them to other positions, but we haven't, and we're fully satisfied with the jobs they're doing."

He said the transition was easier because many of the agency's new personnel had worked in the area previously, many with Pen Med.

He added, however, that he expects to have to replace some of the original employees before too long because some of them are in school taking nursing or law enforcement courses that will qualify them for better jobs.

Chief Gary Carmichael of the Mid Valley Fire Department, who serves as secretary to the board of the ambulance agency, credited Patterson with a key role in making the transition go smoothly.

"He's very intelligent," Carmichael said, "I think his particular strength is his people skills. I think it's helpful that Richard is highly trained in the field himself."

Patterson, a paramedic, came to the regional ambulance authority from the County Emergency Medical Services Agency where he was training coordinator.

In an interview, he was asked if he could provide figures for how many so-called "field saves" the paramedics had made since taking over from the EMTs. He declined to try, explaining the definition of a save could be arbitrary and manipulated. He did say that Community Hospital "has indicated a high level of satisfaction with our personnel."

Paramedics can initiate some emergency procedures on their own, but as they become more invasive of the patient, operating protocols require them to check with specially trained nurses at the hospital's emergency room called "mobile intensive care nurses."

Patterson suggested that paramedics were usually more successful dealing with what he called medical problems than with trauma cases. He said a medical problem might be a heart attack where the paramedic could administer drugs or even defibrillation treatment to begin to reverse the condition while still enroute to the hospital. In contrast, he described a trauma case as one resulting from a serious accident causing injuries that often could be repaired only by surgery in the hospital.

Expressing satisfaction with the level of emergency care being provided, Patterson also said there had been few surprises in the kind of cases the ambulances were called on to handle.

"We have a lot of calls in the Carmel area because of all the elderly people," he said. "Then we have serious motor vehicle accidents on the coast road. The Valley incorporates a combination of the two."

Carmichael also expressed general satisfaction with the way the operation has gone in the six months since the agency hired its own paramedics.

"I had hoped to be better off economically. I guess everybody would always like to have more money, but we're going to be able to pay our bills and meet our loan payments," he said.

He said projections of the growth in the use of emergency ambulances had not lived up to expectations. He blamed the recession and what he called "the second thoughts" people have about calling an ambulance when they know they are going to be charged for it.

Before the paramedic service began in 1990, emergency service was free to the user in the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur Region. The Carmel chapter of the Red Cross provided ambulances, and firemen trained as EMTs manned them.

A countywide vote in 1989 decreed that paramedics should be used to staff ambulances everywhere in the county. It also created a benefit assessment district which provides a subsidy of about $240,000 a year to the regional ambulance service.

The regional service operates five ambulances in all, one of them a backup. The four in service are located at the fire departments in Carmel, Mid Valley, Carmel Valley and Big Sur.

Patterson said the non-emergency service the agency is planning to start would use the backup ambulance and paramedics or EMTs who were off duty at the time. He he said he hoped to get it started by February.

Private ambulance companies such as Pen Med now provide the non-emergency transport of patients in the region, and Patterson was asked why his organization was interested in getting into it.

He said it would generate supplemental income for the agency and the paramedics providing the service, give agency personnel more patient contact and "broaden our place in the pre-hospital community."

Initially at least, Patterson said the non-emergency service would be offered only locally, leaving to Pen Med such trips as taking a patient from Community Hospital to Stanford. Later, it might take on such assignments, he said.

He emphasized that personnel making non-emergency runs would be off duty. "We don't want to compromise our main role," he explained.

Also in the next six months, Patterson said he wanted to increase training for the agency's personnel, emphasizing "cross training" in other skills used by so-called first responders, firemen or law enforcement officers.

As for his role in the organization, Patterson said, "My job is making their jobs easier."

Carmel Has Most Calls

The Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance said it transported 530 patients to hospitals from June 9 when it began using its own paramedics and EMTs until Dec. 1. It listed the following origin of calls:

Carmel-Greater Carmel	333
Carmel Valley	56
Mid Valley	70
Big Sur	52
Cachagua	9
Other	10

The agency said it responded to about 850 calls in all in that period, explaining not all calls result in patients being taken to the hospital.

KSK Seeks Planning Commission Applicants

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman is seeking applicants to succeed Marit Evans when she steps down after 13 years on the Monterey County Planning Commission.

Evans has resigned effective Jan. 28, saying she could no longer vote for new development in the face of water shortages, traffic congestion and other infrastructure problems. The 10-member commission acts on land use matters, sitting every second and last Wednesday of the month.

Evans is a resident of Corral de Tierra. Strasser Kauffman's other appointee on the commission is Chairman Mo Orrett who lives in Pebble Beach.

Resumés from applicants living in the fifth district must be received no later than Jan. 8. They can be mailed to 1200 Aguajito Road, Suite 011, Monterey, 93940. Extensive planning experience, a familiarity with zoning, land use issues and terminology are required.

Setting It Straight

A typographical error crept into a letter to the editor in the Dec. 17 edition from E. C. Davis of Pacific Grove about other Monterey County political figures who have gone on to national prominence. The last sentence in the letter should have said that Selim Woodworth rose to become a commodore in the Civil War 10 years after serving as a state senator from Monterey.

In the same issue, in a story on citizens' advisory committee work for the water management district, the *Sun* incorrectly reported that three of the five elected seats on the board would be up for election in 1993. Two will be up next year and the remaining three in 1995.

In the Dec. 17 story about the Big Sur Land Trust taking an option to buy the Odellos' east artichoke field, the *Sun* incorrectly identified Bruna Odello's late husband as Guiseppe. It should have been Emilio.

A Dec. 3 *Sun* story listed the names of area citizens who were nominated for recognition by the Volunteer Center of Monterey County for their contributions to the community. Inadvertently omitted from that list was the name of Pat Miniaci of Carmel Valley who was nominated by the Economic Development Corporation.

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Farr, McClair Enter House Race

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Farr was asked about other Democrats jumping into the race, including Areias. He predicted others would run without specifically mentioning Areias. Then he noted that he and Areias were roommates in Sacramento, saying, "we kid a lot about how awkward it would be if we both ran."

Farr, son of former State Sen. Fred Farr, was first elected to the Assembly in 1980. In 1990, he was elected chairman of its Local Government Committee. He made his Monterey announcement flanked by his family, including his father, and in front a couple of dozen supporters.

They included Mayor Ken White of Carmel and his wife, Jean; Bob Infelise, Morley Brown, Michael Keresey, Skip Lloyd and Dick Criley.

Noting that he was a native Californian, Farr said, "I was raised in a family which taught me that there is no higher calling than that of public service.'

He called the redevelopment of Fort Ord the most serious economic challenge facing the district, and suggested Panetta still will be active in determining what will be done with it once the 7th Light Infantry leaves for Fort Lewis, Wash.

When told that Republican Bill McCampbell of Pebble Beach, who lost to Panetta in the general election in November, was the only declared Republican Hallett said, "I understand he spends most of his time back here as a lobbyist."

Hallett said she had not yet decided whether to move back to her Highlands home south of Carmel when she leaves office Jan. 20.

But she was high in her praise of Panetta, calling his selection as director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the new administration "very positive."

"I think the best appointments he (Clinton) has made are Leon and Sen. (Loyd) Bentson," she said. Bentson was named to head the Treasury Department, which is the parent agency of the Customs Service.

Hallett lost a statewide race for lieutenant governor in 1982, after which she was appointed ambassador to the Bahamas in 1986 by President Reagan. President Bush named her head of the Customs Service after he took office.

Asked if she had enjoyed her service at Customs, she said, "Oh, yes. This is a wonderful agency." She said it had 20,000 employees, was the lead agency for the government's drug interdiction program and brought in $20 billion annually. "Only the IRS brings in more," she said.

In announcing his candidacy, McClair, a black, also praised Panetta's service to the district and emphasized he also thought the area's most complex problem was deciding how to use Fort Ord.

McClair has made it clear he wants Seaside to play a leading role in determining the future of the 26,000-acre base.

Farr, who sometimes wears a beard, was clean shaven for his announcement news conference. After examining "the other job seekers," he said he believed that he was best prepared to succeed Panetta and what he called "the inevitable comparisons with a man who most of us view as a giant."

Asked specifically about Shipnuck's challenge, Farr noted he had served in state office and said he felt he brought a broader range of experience to the race.

"Our No. 1 industry in this district is agriculture, and my No. 1 goal upon arriving in Congress is to serve on the Agriculture Committee," Farr said. He noted that Panetta had also served on it.

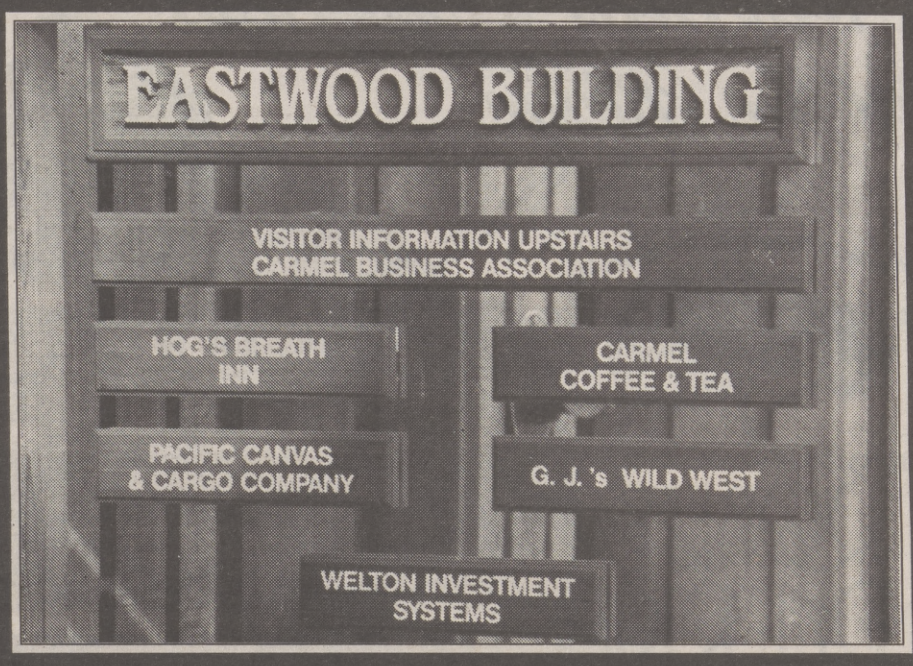
After Panetta resigns his seat in Congress, a special election must be held to select a replacement within 112 and 119 days. A regularly scheduled election is set for June 8 to elect three supervisors, and county officials have strongly suggested they would like to hold the special congressional election at the same time to save money.

Under that timetable, a primary would be held in April. If one candidate received 50 percent of the ballots cast plus at least one vote, no runoff would be necessary. However, with all the candidates expressing interest in succeeding Panetta, that prospect seems highly unlikely.

Farr also declared, "I am also announcing today that I will continue to be a strong advocate for choice, and I will help Leon with the ongoing battle with the federal deficit."

Farr was a member of the Board of Supervisors before winning election to the Assembly.

Shipnuck has been a supervisor for 14 years. In declaring her candidacy, she emphasized her interest in reducing the federal budget deficit and her experience in health care cost containment which she said must be an integral part of it.



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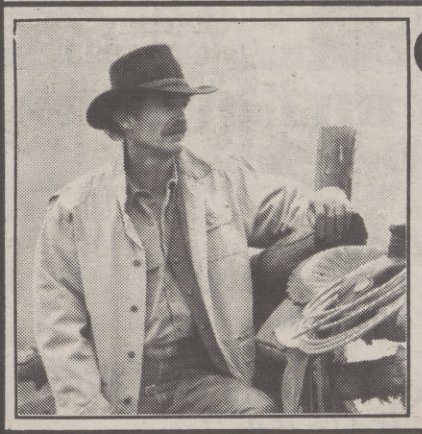

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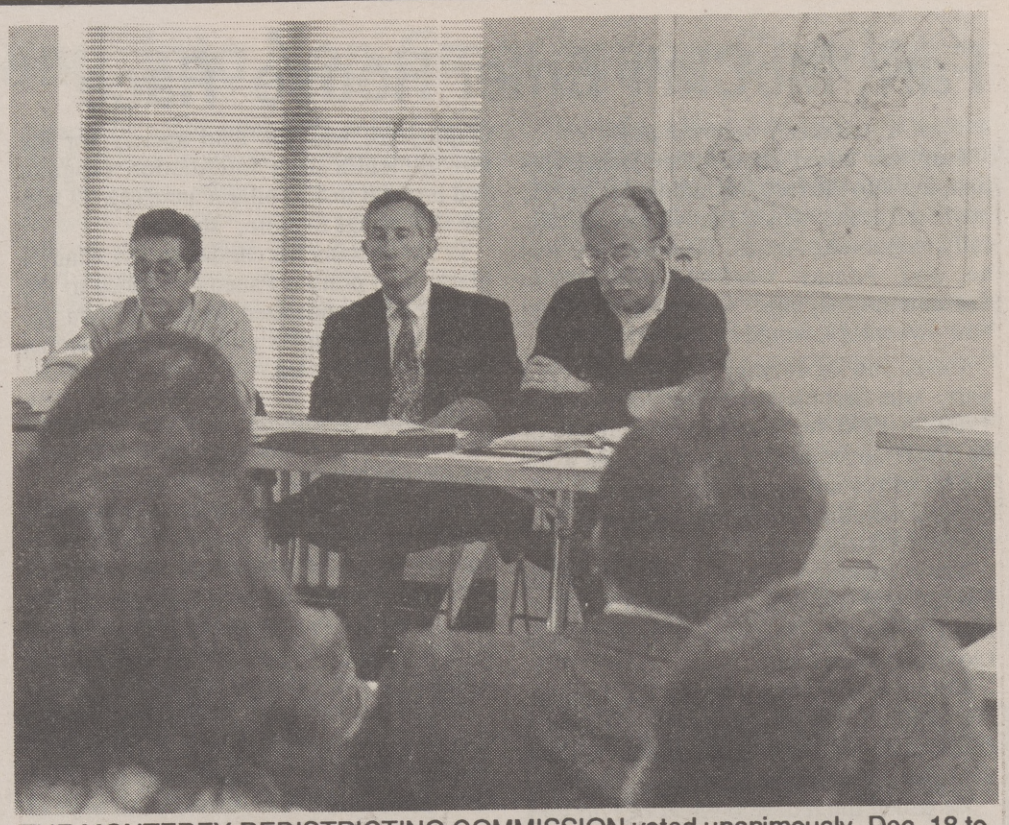

THE MONTEREY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION voted unanimously Dec. 18 to approve a map drawn by District Atttorney Dean Flippo, center, commission chair. The two other commission members were County Clerk Ernest Maggini, left, and County Assessor Bruce Reeves, right. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Redistricting Map Approved

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Pennycook and Barbara Shipnuck in the same second district and created two districts—the new first and fourth—in which no incumbent lives.

More than 60 people crowded into the hospital board room, spilling outside into the hall for the meeting designed to accommodate Shipnuck who is recuperating from planned surgery last Thursday.

Seaside and Marina representatives said they would work with the county to get approval for the map which has 15 percent population deviation between the largest and smallest districts. An attorney for a North County group said it wouldn't challenge the population deviations in court, either.

But Hispanic representatives refused to accept the map proposed by the Monterey Redistricting Commission Friday and again spoke in favor of a Sept. 4 map suggested by their attorney. It would divide Carmel Valley between two districts.

"All hell will break lose if we fall back on the (Hispanic) plan," said Third District Supervisor Tom Perkins. "There will be a lot of polarization in this community."

Flippo, County Clerk Ernest Maggini and County Clerk Bruce Reeves served on the commission. They were appointed Nov. 24 by the supervisors after a federal judge threw the controversy back to the county.

While the map's new boundaries were approved unanimously, supervisors broke ranks when it came to numbering them. Three supervisors, Karas, Perkins and Strasser Kauffman, agreed on the numbering of the districts, Shipnuck abstained and Pennycook voted against it.

Pennycook wanted to maintain the current district numbering with North County as No. 1. But hers was the only vote for her motion which was seconded by Perkins just for the purpose of discussion.

Karas then moved to switch numbers between central Salinas and North County, making Salinas No. 1 and North County No. 2.

Shipnuck abstained from voting on either motion, saying the plan could be challenged on the basis of a supervisor trying to preserve incumbency.

Karas said the numbering system he proposed would provide Latinos an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice at the earliest possible time. He said any plan that did not provide this would not withstand the scrutiny of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

The new District One in central Salinas would have a 64 percent Latino voting population. No current supervisor lives in the new first district, according to County Registrar Brad Clark.

Also, no incumbent lives in the new District Four which takes in Seaside, Marina and Fort Ord, Clark said.

Strasser Kauffman and Karas would both reside in the new District Five and Pennycook and Shipnuck in District Two, although Shipnuck announced her candidacy for Leon Panetta's congressional seat Dec. 16. Pennycook will serve until the first district elects a new supervisor. Unless Pennycook moves to another district, she would be unable to run for a seat until June 1994 and then in the second district. In the meantime, Shipnuck would continue to serve as second district supervisor.

Joaquin Avila, attorney for the La Raza Hispanic group opposed the commission

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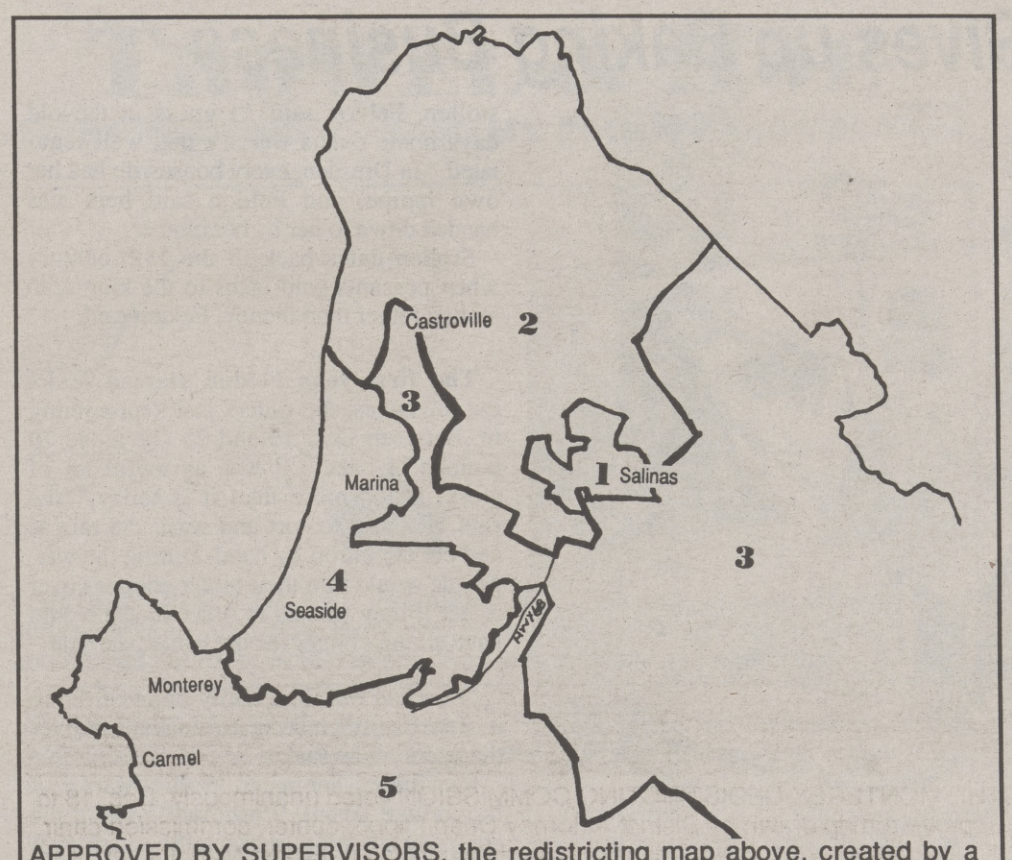

APPROVED BY SUPERVISORS, the redistricting map above, created by a special three-man commission, will be submitted to the U. S. Justice Department for its okay. If cleared, elections will be held in June—a year later than scheduled—in Districts 1, 4 and 5.

Supervisors Lose Seats

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plan, objecting to its division of the East Alisal Latino community and inclusion of the Rossi/Rico predominately Anlgo area into the first district. The addition of that white population would diminish Latinos' ability to elect a candidate of their choice, Avila said. The Latinos also object to the loss of their plurality in the district, Avila said. He said he would carry his objections to the Justice Department.

In Avila's Sept. 4 plan, Latinos had a 43.9 voting age population as versus the 42.3 white voting age population in District One. In the commission map, the Latinos' voting age population is 41 percent compared to 44.2 percent white. Avila's plan has a 66.9 total Latino population while the Commission map has 64 percent in District One.

District Three had a 62.7 total Latino percentage on the Avila map and a 60.8 percentage on the Commission map.

Pennycook complained about changing the rules to allow a population deviation of 15 percent instead of 10 percent that had been the guideline before. She also said she could never support a map which takes Castroville out of the North County district and combines it with South County.

Lee Blackman, a Los Angeles attorney representing the county, told supervisors, "I don't think the Department of Justice would reject this plan for having a deviation of over 10 percent." The ultimate question is whether the plan is fair to minorities, he said. "I think this plan is fair."

Blackman said he did not feel pluraity is a material issue because the percentages of differences between the commission map and Avila map are so small and because inherent inaccuracies exist in census numbers.

The supervisors talked briefly of submitting an alternate plan to the Department of Justice along with the commission plan. But Blackman discouraged it.

The commission, after voting unanimously to recommend Flippo's map, refused to take on the task of numbering the districts and dumped that back in the supervisor's laps.

One problem demographers working with the county have faced throughout the redistricting process is creating districts which have less than a 10 percent population deviation from the ideal district size of 71,132 while still creating two Hispanic majority districts.

In Flippo's plan, the Hispanic majority districts are the smallest with 65,134 and 65,305 populations.

Charmaine Cruchett, a North County plaintiff in the federal court trial challenging past redistricting efforts, said the whole point of redistricting is to adjust districts so they have 10 percent or less deviation.

"One man, one vote is the primary consideration," she said.

During Friday's final commission session, Maggini also commented he had "never felt more pressure than he had in last two weeks."

He described the plan as workable but "by no means perfect. If I had all the money Monterey County has p..... away on this fiasco, I wouldn't be here. I'd be retired."

Redistricting History

A brief history of the county's effort to redistrict its supervisory boundaries following the 1990 census:

- Oct. 29, 1991—A plan was adopted and was modified later. Department of Justice asked for additional information about it.
- April 7, 1992—A second plan was adopted. It was proposed by Karin Strasser Kauffman and Hispanics after joint meetings. Hispanics had challenged the first map in federal court.
- May 6, 1992—A group of voters filed a referendum against the April plan which joined North County with South County and split Seaside and Marina.
- Nov. 3, 1992—Monterey County voters defeated the April plan by a 2-1 vote.
- Nov. 20—U.S. District Court ordered supervisors to proceed with preclearance of a redistricting plan through the Department of Justice no later than Feb. 26,1993.
- Nov. 24—Supervisors appointed a three-man Redistricting Commission.
- Dec. 21—Supervisors approved the Redistricting Commission's map.

MPC Tours Feature Carmel Sites

Walking tours of the Charles Sumner Green Studio and the Walker House, two recent additions to the list of Carmel historical sites, are offered through Monterey Peninsula College (MPC). The tours are featured in two architecture courses.

The Walker house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright will be visited Jan. 16. An architectural tour of the Monterey Peninsula on Jan. 23 will include the Green studio as well as other buildings in Carmel.

Registration fees along with $25 to cover bus transportation may be paid Jan. 4-7 at the MPC admissions office.

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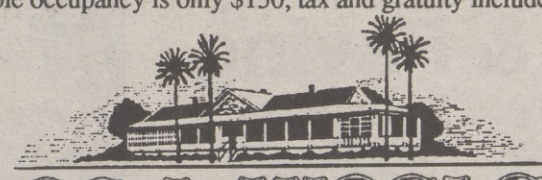

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After 53 Years, Valley Woman Gives up Baking Business

By Carolyn Rice

After 53 years of baking stollen, Carmel Valley resident Irmgard Feldon is turning her "two-month a year" mail order business over to her niece who lives in Seattle. A daughter will continue to make her gingerbread houses.

Born in Dresden, Germany, Feldon talks with enthusiasm about her seasonal business which is called Dresden Stollen Bakers. Now 76, she is bright-eyed and animated, but speaks very quietly.

She started baking stollen in 1939 when she lived in New Jersey. "At the height of the business, we baked 2,500 loaves," she said. Feldon baked 1,500 this year in two, four, and five pound sizes.

A traditional German Yule treat, the yeast loaf contains raisins and citron and has butter and sugar on the top. It is very rich and stays fresh for months. "One came back nine months after being shipped to Australia, and it was still good," she said.

Feldon has shipped her stollen all over the world. Once a New York business sent it to German clients who reported "'the ones you send from the states are much better than what we get here,'" Feldon said.

The flour is the secret ingredient, she said. "We found a special flour which we mix for ourselves which is kind of a secret," she said.

When she moved to California in 1978, west coast flour didn't produce a similar cake to what she had been baking on the east coast with the same brand of flour, she said.

"I had to work with General Mills to get the composition of the flour," she said. Different mills supply the east coast and the west coast and the composition was somewhat different, but the company helped her get the matter straightened out.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES AND STOLLEN BAKING keep Carmel Valley residents Annette Pellet and Irmgard Feldon busy throughout their holiday business season. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Many of her customers were businesses which sent the stollen as gifts to clients. Feldon said she started the business after some cousins asked her if she wouldn't bake for them and charge them for it, as they liked her stollen so much. The product became known by word of mouth, she said.

The cake has changed over the years, becoming "much more moist," Feldon said. The raisins are marinated in water, rum, vanilla and almond—all pure extracts. It's difficult to get pure extracts these days, Feldon said.

About 10 or 12 people help her bake, Feldon said. Many are bakers who work on their day off or people who have retired from the baking business.

In Dresden, the housewives would make an appointment with a baker to bake their stollen, Feldon said. "I guess in the old days home ovens weren't that well regulated." In Dresden, every housewife had her own recipe, and Feldon said hers was handed down to her by her mother.

Stollen dates back to the 13th century when peasants paid taxes to the king with stollen rather than money, Feldon said.

The first year Feldon started making the cakes, the orders just kept coming in. Between Dec. 16 and 25 she made 70 pounds of cake. "It was an awful lot of work. Much more than it is today," she said. She had to sort and wash the raisins and cut the citron by hand. During the war, people would turn their butter coupons over to her if they wanted to order so she would have enough butter for the batter, she said.

"I've had fun. I've really enjoyed doing it. I will miss talking to customers over the phone," she said.

She thinks her niece, Sallie Maron of Bainbridge Island, Wash., will uphold the company's baking tradition. She took over this year on the baking, Feldon said. "If she sticks to what I've told her and what I've shown her in the last six weeks, she can do it. She's a natural baker."

Annette Pellet, Feldon's daughter and a Carmel Valley resident, will continue with the gingerbread houses that became a part of the business about eight years ago, Feldon said. They are made from a honey dough and are completely edible.

Feldon has a few cakes left. Two pound cakes sell for $15.50 and three pound ones for $21.75. Shipping is extra. Write P.O. Box 1026, Carmel, Valley, 93924 or Call 659-4881 to order.

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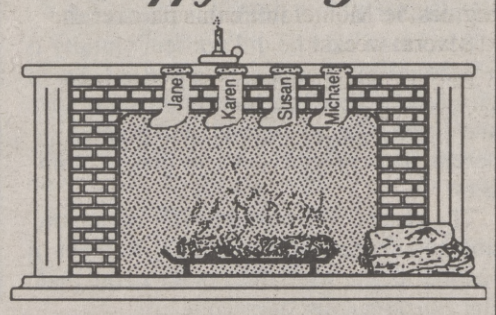

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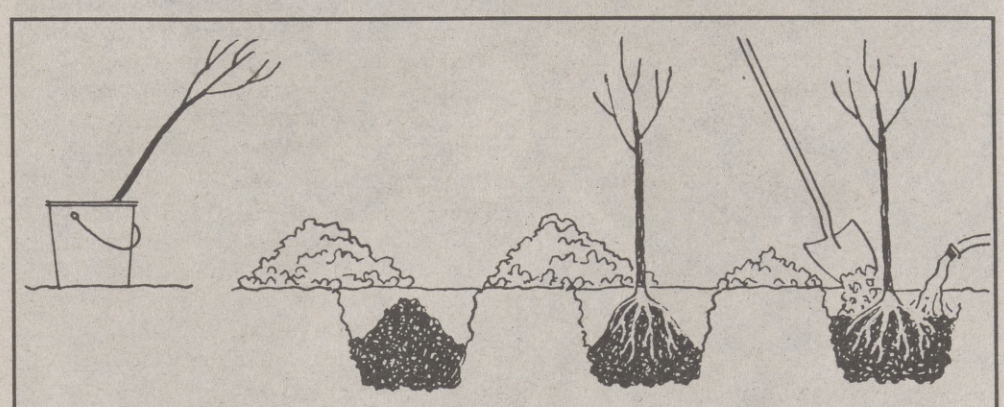

FOR BEST RESULTS, bare root plants should be soaked overnight in water before planting. In a hole large enough to hold the roots, form a cone of soil and spread the roots evenly over it. Add soil gradually and soak deeply.

We Coastal Californians don't get many opportunities to be true armchair gardeners. That luxury is more the province of those in the colder Eastern and Midwest states.

By armchair gardening, I refer to sitting in as comfortable chair, thumbing through plant and seed catalogues or reading gardening books. When your property is buried under a couple of feet of snow, you have ample time to dream up glories of the coming spring or gaze out the frost-framed window longing to be digging in the dirt.

When our winter rain storms occur, there's the occasional respite from outdoor activities to grab a little quiet time and catch up on garden reading and catalogue perusing. But we have nothing like the five to six month dormant season cold climate gardeners have to contend with.

Here, we might get a few good days of rain, then a substantial break with a fair amount of sunshine. Included in this break are the emergence of a generous crop of weeds to contend with. The longer you wait, the worse it gets. Although many weeds have already sprouted, believe me, there's more on the way. Eptam Weed & Grass Preventer is a granular pre-emergence week killer which can be applied around many established plantings, but not vegetable gardens.

It is a relatively low toxicity product, the label bearing the designation "caution," placing it in the herbicide and pesticide Category 3 and 4 rather than Category 2, "warning," or Category 1, "danger."

This is your best chemical strategy for this time of year since air temperatures are too cold for sprays like Roundup and 2, 4-D to have much effect. If you prefer not to use chemicals for weed control, then you are already well aware of the alternatives which include some fairly serious manual labor.

While gardeners in cold weather states have virtually nothing going on in the garden, here is a sampling of things you can be doing on the Monterey Peninsula over the next several weeks.

o Begin planting bare-root roses, trees, vines, berries and vegetables.

o Choose and plant camellias and azaleas.

o Choose and plant California native shrubs and trees.

o Purchase cymbidium orchids.

o Purchase and plant cool season flowers in bare spots.

o Plant winter vegetables from transplants and seeds.

o Start pruning deciduous fruit trees.

o Prune roses starting in mid-January.

o Mow and fertilize lawns. If the lawn shows sign of rust, fertilizer will help overcome it.

o Pick up dead camellia blossoms to prevent petal blight.

o Apply dormant spray to deciduous fruit trees, shrubs, roses, etc.

o When rains aren't adequate, water garden plants according to their individual needs. (Succulents don't need water now, but native plants will perform better if given water in dry weather during winter.)

o In the event we have plenty of rain, don't forget to water plants under eaves where rain can't reach them.

o Continue to feed cymbidium orchids that have not bloomed with a high-bloom formula.

o Prune grapes.

o Tie up permanent vines so they don't get knocked down by rain or wind.

I'm sure we could all go on and fill up a great deal more paper with things we need to do. As much as we enjoy our temperate climate, it would be nice to curl up with a book and hot tea and take a kind of enforced break from the garden. No such luck.

Mark Eaton is a partner in Carmel Valley's Begonia Gardens Nursery.

Volunteers Take Over City Chores

At least 13 areas of Carmel-by-the-Sea are being cleaned or maintained by volunteer groups during the serious budget crunch that led to the city's first layoffs in October.

Acting City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio said The Northeast Carmel Neighbors Association has volunteered to provide trail enhancement and maintenance to Forest Hill Park and routine garden maintenance and seasonal pruning and plant care to Vista Lobos Park.

Carmel's beautiful beach is being cleaned up once a month by members of the Carmel Residents Association while the Boy Scouts volunteered for trail enhancement in Mission Trail Park, the city's largest green space. D'Ambrosio said Peter Scott was planting redwood trees in the park and in Pescadero Canyon and helping remove pampas grass throughout the city.

"Friends of Carmel Forest have offered to plant tree seedlings and handle the Christmas Tree Recycling Program," D'Ambrosio added, while the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club is doing maintenance around the First Murphy House at First Murphy Park, and the Arboretum Committee is looking after the Lester Rowntree Arboretum.

Lillian Hazdovac is cleaning the 5th Avenue and Lincoln Street area and Brad Keith, Guadalupe Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues. Linda Smith has a group of volunteers working on Lincoln Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.

Diane Billingsley is looking after the planter at Carpenter and 3rd Avenue and the Carpenter Street Traffic and Safety Committee is caring for the planter at Carpenter and 2nd Avenue.

Carmel Youth Center Offers Kids' Overnight

The Carmel Youth Center is offering a New Years Even Overnight for youngsters 9 to 14 to provide a safe, supervised environment so their parents can enjoy the traditional celebration.

Reservations are required, and the cost is $75, although additional members of the same family can attend for $50. Proceeds benefit the Youth Center.

Activities begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 and end at 11 a.m. New Years Day. For information, telephone 624-3285.

Scenic Road Cypress Damaged

City Forester Gary Kelly told the Forest and Beach Commission that a private company hired to prune several cypress trees along Scenic Road had trimmed an excessive amount and exposed the trees to the elements. He proposed a city policy of only staff pruning such significant trees.

The Forest and Beach Department received several complaints about the tree trimming by Smith Tree Service in the area between Tenth and Twelfth Avenues.

Kelly said in a memo to the commission that he wanted no more than one-third of the green to be removed with some interior limbs left to protect new growth from the salt spray. He said he told the crew of the specifications at the start of the work and again when the first tree was completed and told them "they had taken too much foliage and to alter their pruning techniques so as to cut less.

"During the storm of Dec. 5 several limbs from cypress trees along Scenic and San Antonio failed," Kelly said. "However, the trees recently pruned by Smith Tree Service suffered the most. I feel this is due to the excessive amount of limbs removed and the 'stripping out' of remaining limbs exposing them to forces from which they were previously protected."

Kelly said he was bringing the problem to the commission's attention "to demonstrate the difficulty in communicating the city's standards with regard to tree pruning to private businesses that are employed by residents with their own agenda for tree pruning; and to ask that you provide policy guidance as to how staff should proceed should proceed on future requests of this nature.

"I suggest that due to the importance and significance of the cypress trees on Scenic Road and San Antonio that the commission adopt a policy of only city staff attending to their needs."

RABBITS MAKE UP THE TEAM pulling Santa's sleigh in this decoration on the roof of Rosie's Cracker Barrel, home of Stew's Plumbing in Carmel Valley Village. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

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BY DAVE LYON

Joyous Christmas greetings from the gang at your local CVCYC! On behalf of everyone on the Community Center board, warm holiday wishes and all the best as we head into another year here in Paradise Valley. Yeah, it may not be a white Christmas, but really, ask yourself, would you rather be in Cleveland? Of course not.

For those of you who missed old Santa at the Fly-In last weekend, well, it's a pretty safe bet he'll be back in town tomorrow. And, according to the official final results of our CVCYC Have You Been Naughty or Nice survey, St. Nick will only be bringing 43 lumps of coal to Valley youngsters. That's not a bad percentage, considering the number of kids I saw on Santa's lap on the 12th!

Yes, the umpteenth annual Fly-In was a great success! A big "thanx" to everyone who came out for the parade and then joined in the fun at the Community Center. Special congrats to John Peter Meckel and Ashley McNeely who won the CVCYC drawing and got to ride with Santa and Mrs. Claus from the airfield to the park!

Stand up and give a cheer for Randy Randazzo who organized the parade for us this year! He makes it look so easy, but all of us involved know what a chore it is to put this special event together! Thanx, Randy, ya done good.

Lest I forget, more special thanx to the WeatherGods, who saw fit to rain on us right up to the night before the Fly-in, then gave us a beautiful day on the 12th. Ever wonder where part of your CVCYC membership money goes to? Hey, these WeatherGods aren't cheap! Costs a lot to buy that Fly-In weather every year!

Meanwhile, back on the ground, or bouncing off it, comes Rising Star Gymnastics, which is excited to be offering a Carmel Valley Tumbling Program. Session one will be held from Jan. 9 to Feb. 27. Session two will be March 6 through May 1. The cost is only $40 per 8 week session. Please note that pre-registration is required.

Classes will be held Saturday mornings at the Carmel Valley Community Center on Ford Road and will be scheduled as follows: 10:45—11:30 will be for ages 4 to 5 years. 11:30—12:15 will be for 6 to 8 year olds, and 12:30—1:15 for kids 8 to 10 years old. The instructor will be Amy Monroe. For more info or to sign-up, please call 624-4002. Or contact the CVCYC office at 659-3983 for details on this or any other on-going events at your Community Center.

Speaking of more than generous...the response to our recent membership mailing has been great! We've been delighted to hear from so many of you folks who want to be first-time members. And...we've Almost reached our Community Foundation matching fund goal.

Remember every dollar you donate goes right back into creating the kinds of community events CVCYC is famous for.

This year especially the gang at your CVCYC believes we have so much to look back on with pride. The Community Park has never looked better (thank you, Lee Warner) the concerts and special events were outstanding, and most of all, the Community pool had its *best season every!* (Thank you, Di Whitesides!)

Make one of your New Year's resolutions, a pledge to learn more about and support your Community Center! Our board of dedicated volunteers welcomes Valley people who want to share that special pride and closeness that comes from living in such a wonderful place. With the support of everyone who calls Carmel Valley home, the accomplishments of this last year can be magnified during the new year ahead.

BARBARA SMITH creates about half of the handmade items she sells at her Three Sisters at the Rose Cottage shop in mid valley. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Rose Cottage Owner Plans Surprises for Her Customers

By Carolyn Rice

Barbara Smith, owner of "Three Sisters at the Rose Cottage," wants her customers to have a surprise at "every corner they turn" in her quaint shop full of handmade goods reminiscent of the old world.

A bouncy brunette with a ready smile, Smith personally makes about 50 percent of the handmade items sold at her store located next to the Farm Center at Robinson Canyon Road in Mid Valley.

"I come in here and I'm just blown away by what she does," said Jill Green who works in the shop. "She makes it so quickly and you don't see it anywhere else."

Three or four other local women make many of the other handmade decorative gifts sold at the cottage.

The shop exudes an old world charm with lace hanging over the door, dainty chains of stuffed, cotton hearts and birdseed feeders decorated with roses and ferns. On a recent day the centerpiece was a six-foot tall Christmas tree made from dried hydrangea flowers and encircled with metallic gold ribbon.

Smith said her ideas just flow into her being. "I work with my heart and then it comes out," she said, adding she truly believes her talent for creating is God-given. "I believe it's a God-given gift and he's given it to me," she said.

Filled with energy, Smith said she frequently goes on work binges staying up until midnight and rising by 4 or 5 a.m. the next day. "It can last for three weeks," she said. Then she has to slow down her schedule for a time.

Smith said she was influenced by her great-grandparents who came from Greece. "They had an old world charm about them. They led a simple life but made something wonderful out of something small,"

On the back wall of her shop Smith's work shows how she has continued to live her grandparent's approach to life. She has artfully created decorations made of dried oranges, apples, pine cones and bay leaves. Grape vine arbors bedeck other shop corners. But Smith said they take so long to make she isn't doing them any more. She rents the ones she has made in the past for weddings or other celebrations.

Smith works as a waitress at the Wagon Wheel restaurant in Valley Hills Shopping Center when needed. The restaurant is owned by her mother, Katy Curry, who Smith also credits as another powerful influence in how she views the beauty of life.

"Mom would dress a table with a simple lace cloth and violets or daffodils and make it something special," she said. During warm weather Smith carries on the tradition of a beautifully adorned table with her customers, offering them tea by reservation in the garden next to her shop. With lace and Limoges china, "It's ready for the Queen of England," Smith smiled

Smith said she enjoys creating for her shop so thoroughly she has to keep reminding herself, "This is a business. I am doing this for business."

Her husband David, a race car driver, helps keep her on track "when I just keep spinning on," she said. The couple have two girls, Jamie,16, and Rachel, 14.

Smith said 13 years ago a woman named Ada lived in the home she now occupies next door to the shop. Smith helped her after a fall one day and the woman asked her if she could help her care for her roses. They would have tea, and Ada would read her poetry, Smith said. When years later she read a newspaper ad which said, "Make a goat shed into a workshop," Smith said, "it was like a thank you from Ada."

Her mother suggested the shop be named "Three Sisters at the Rose Cottage" after Smith and her two sisters, Rebecca Wheeler, who now lives in Santa Barbara, and Debra Shoquist of Carmel. The three sisters worked together to establish the shop.

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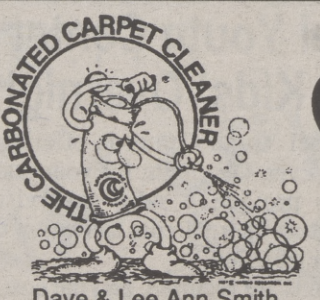

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY STAN HALL

Isabelle thinks I'm the original Scrooge when it comes to Christmas.

"You just don't care anything about Christmas," she said crossly to me just the other day.

All I did was ask her if I had to send Christmas cards to relatives that we would be sending presents anyway. It seems to me that if you're going to send somebody a present you shouldn't have to send a card, too.

I had been writing the cards while watching the San Francisco 49er-Minnesota football game on TV. Lord knows what I might have said in some of them, particularly when it looked like the Vikings might come back in the final minutes and win it.

By the end of the game, I had third-degree writer's cramp and stacks of cards and envelopes piled all over the coffee table. I didn't want to write any more, and I figured leaving off the close relatives was the simplest way to wrap the job up. I was pretty proud of myself for writing all that I did, and it hadn't been easy.

Sometimes in the past when Isabelle has badgered me into helping with the cards, I would just sign them and send them without writing anything in them.

"You just don't have any Christmas spirit," she would say. "It's just not right to send a card and not write something in it. It's too impersonal."

Actually, I got off on the wrong foot with Isabelle about Christmas a long time ago. It was the first year we were married.

I bought her this great briefcase. When she took the package out from under the tree and opened it up, she got this funny look on her face. Later, she refused to use it and went around muttering she couldn't see how anybody could be so unromantic.

I don't know why I have so much trouble picking out the right presents. I always have lots of opinions and ideas about everything else, but my mind goes absolutely blank when I try to think what to buy for someone.

It's sort of like what happens when I'm writing Christmas cards and I remember Isabelle's orders to "write something nice now and something personal."

I try, but I can't think of anything—absolutely nothing. My mind is like an empty computer screen, and no matter how hard I try, I can't call anything up. It's like all of a sudden I've got some chips missing.

All of my adult life, I've made my living writing. I'm never at a loss for words. I can write about anything. Everything. I think I proved that in my eight years as a corporate speechwriter at General Motors. But I can't seem to write a decent Christmas card. It must be an aptitude deficiency—sort of why I can't do arithmetic.

But, please, don't think that I don't have any Christmas spirit or that I don't like Christmas. I love it. I particularly like getting presents. Lucky for me, both Isabelle and our daughter, Catherine, always find the neatest things for me. They find things that I didn't even know I wanted until I got them. Now, that takes real genius.

Of course, when it comes to Catherine, she has a tremendous advantage. She's a born shopper. We're going to Phoenix to see her for Christmas this year—her and her two German Shepherds.

She's an absolute terror in a mall. The last time we visited her, she took us to a mall in Scottsdale that was two blocks long and three stories high. She can race through a place like that and have it fully cased in 20 minutes, identifying where the best shops and bargains are and all the places she wouldn't be bothered going back to again.

She shops for fun, for recreation—the way I watch football on TV.

I hate to shop. I just want to get it over with as fast as I can. I wouldn't think of just going from store to store to see what merchandise they have the way Catherine does any more than I would think of jumping off the roof.

When I go shopping, I go with a specific need in mind. I go to the store I think most likely to have it. I make my selection. I pay for it as quickly as I can, and I bring it home.

My shopping technique may be the reason that I've got so many things in my closet that I never wear, or why my shop is full of so many tools that I never find any use for.

My problem with shopping is probably also the reason I come up with such lame presents some times—like a briefcase for Christmas. At least, I keep telling myself it is.

"Well, I didn't know what to get you. If you don't like it, you can take it back." I don't know how many times I've told Isabelle that when presenting her with what I know is absolutely the wrong gift.

But she's always gracious. She always thanks me and makes Christmas at our house a great success anyway.

It's in that spirit that we both join in wishing you all the very best of this special holiday season. May things work out all right at your house, too.

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DISCOVERY – THE LIVELY ARTS

By Barbara Rose Shuler

1992 emerged as a dynamic and fascinating year for local performance. In this final Discovery column of the year, I'll tell you about a wonderful concert featuring famed cellist Lynn Harrel and his fabulous accompanist Brooks Smith—another Carmel Music Society spectacular. Also, I will give you my personal best-of-'92 picks.

First, however, I offer a strong recommendation for a New Year's resolution—one that needs to be made by all the communities of our region. It is inspired by the appearance of Harrel, a consummate musician, who was unable to give us his best for reasons beyond his control. We can do something about the problem he was presented with.

Harrel and Smith played on Dec. 10 in Carmel which, as you may remember, turned into one of those wet, blustery days we've been having recently. The wind and rain affected not only the audience, making it palpably restless, but challenged the performance of Harrel. A woman friend who plays the cello, noted early on that the dampness in the atmosphere was affecting the instrument in an adverse way. Constant adjusting of the strings of the artist's magnificent cello was needed throughout the evening. Harrel confirmed my friend's observation by stopping in the middle of a piece and announcing "My cat gut doesn't like the rain!"

Sunset Center sadly is not insulated from inclement weather. We did not hear Harrel at his best because we could not offer him a dry auditorium on a rainy night. Frankly, this is not only a loss in terms of the cello concert, it's also embarrassing that our community cannot seem to summon the will and the funds to provide an adequate venue for performing artists.

We need a large, well-designed, acoustically excellent performing arts center that can responsibly support the fine artists we invite to perform for us as well as the audiences who come to hear them!

As a community we can make this happen. Over the years many studies have been done on this issue, offers of financial support made, committees formed and serious media coverage given. Yet nothing substantive has happened to move such a project forward. Live performance is obviously an extremely important part of our lives on the Central Coast. Let's give ourselves and our artistic guests a real performance hall worthy of the excellence we desire to attract to our stages. Think about it!

Despite weather problems Harrel and Smith gave a brilliant rendering of works of Bach, Brahms and Rachmaninov. The program was chosen by Smith at Harrel's request. The Bach gamba sonata was a lovely, singing, Italian style work, quite romantic. The F major Brahms sonata, a pinnacle of the romantic repertoire, is a work that Harrel considers to be the greatest work since Beethoven for the cello, stormy and electrifying. The Rachmaninov sonata was a lush, romantic work suffused with rich and even dark complexities.

Impeccability of style and a stunning level of mastery characterized the performances of both men. Together they were a seamless marvel, a rare experience. Smith, a close family friend of Harrel, is in his 80s and has accompanied some of the greatest classical musicians of the century. We are not likely to see this combination again. Imagine how much better it might have been if the auditorium had been dry!

Here are my 1992 favorites. At the top of the list, running neck and neck, are this year's Carmel Bach Festival with its dynamic new conductor, Bruno Weil, and the Western Stage's blockbuster trilogy "East of Eden," based on the novel by native son John Steinbeck. For sheer excitement, boldness and production excellence these two events are the undeniable highlights of the local performance year.

GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT of things, pranksters have added not only red noses but pictures of Santa in his sleigh to deer crossing signs around the area this season.

The Monterey Peninsula provided the most provocative and daring theatrical experience of 1992 in "M Butterfly," directed by Ramie Wikdahl. The most innovative and exciting performing arts series of the year is easily Brian Donoghue's "Performance Carmel" featuring some of the best in contemporary works. The dance group "Pilobolus" and Spaulding Gray's "Monster in a Box" get highest marks in the series itself.

Anne Akiko Myers and Lynn Harrel top the list as the finest soloists I saw in 1992, both Carmel Music Society presentations. The best children's show of the year was the Western Stage's "Wizard of Oz."

My out of town excursions netted some exciting opera performances, the most extraordinary being the San Francisco Opera's presentation of "The Death of Klinghoffer" by composer John Adams.

Finally, I want to mention, as the most promising new classical music series, the newly established Pebble Beach Chamber Music Festival which brought members of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra to the region.

Many blessings to you for the the New Year! See you in '93.

Hamish Tyler to Head Forest Theater Guild

Hamish Tyler, head of drama at Robert Louis Stevenson School, has been appointed president of Carmel's Forest Theater Guild for 1993.

An announcement from the guild said he would be joined by Linda Purdy as vice president, Joe Styne as secretary and Craig Clymo as treasurer.

Cole Weston, president in 1992, will become director emeritus in recognition of his 45 years with the theater group.

Tyler has been on the RLS staff 18 years. Associated with Forest Theater since 1981, he is a past president of the guild and has produced shows such as Brigadoon, Tom Jones and Showboat.

Purdy is an actress and singer who is scheduled to sing a premier of a new opera with the Sacramento Opera and will tour England in 1994 with I Cantori Di Carmel.

Clymo is president of Westel Communications in Monterey, and Styne, who lives in Carmel, is with Barlocker Insurance in Salinas.

CV Church Gets Use Permit 12 Years Late

The County Planning Commission Dec. 16 unanimously approved a day care facility permit at the Carmel Valley Community Church on Village Drive and Paso Hondo.

The day care center for 45 children, a thrift shop and a fellowship hall have been operating for 12 years on the property, but the 1959 church permit did not provide for these uses, county staff said.

Currently 25 parking spaces exist on the project site. Parking standards normally require 89 parking places for a project of this size, staff said. But all buildings are never used simultaneously and at full capacity, so staff recommended a variance for this project.

The staff report to the commission said the current uses on the site have occurred for 12 years, and no complaints regarding parking have been received by the county.

Conference to Feature Carmel

The City of Carmel will be one of the team projects when the National Trust for Historic Preservation holds its fourth Preservation Leadership Training Institute at Asilomar Jan. 3-10.

The project will develop suggested ways to solve preservation issues facing the city which has just adopted its first architectural preservation ordinance. Two public events are scheduled; a lecture at St. Mary's Church Jan. 4 in Pacific Grove on "Why Preserve," and a final presentation of the team project Jan. 10 at the Carmel Woman's Club.

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By Anita DeCarlo

Watercolors Featured at Carmel Art Association

A couple of things about watercolor: because of the nature of the medium, its transparency and wetness, the fact that—unlike oil which sits ON its canvas—the paper on which it is done IS the watercolor; the fact that the continuous act of painting is a visible part of the end product, the fact that the interaction of the pigments creates by itself effects that are a part of the painting, it is the medium that has the most distinct character of its own. Secondly, because of the immediacy and spontaneity of the medium, it is most revealing of the individuality of each artist. No, no conflict of interest here. A symbiotic relationship if ever there was one on the far side of science.

What I see in the showing of Edwin Adamson, W.F. Stone Jr. and Wilda Northrup whose works are on display at the Carmel Art Association are three painters who have each strongly controlled the nature of the watercolor medium to such an extent as to restrict much of the character of the medium. The result is that all three have produced paintings that are very graphic in character. Within that framework they are different.

Adamson's paintings are keyed to a dramatic contrast of dark values against the white of the paper and he enhances the contrast by the hardness of edge against the flatness of the white. "North Trail," "Poodle Walk," "Poppy Hill 2nd Hole" and "Western Light" are examples of the landscape designed darkly against a sky left the white of the paper.

In other paintings such as "Low Tide," "Carmel Seashore" and "Cypress Point 15th Hole," he barely perceptibly tints the white sky to give a hint of warm or cool.

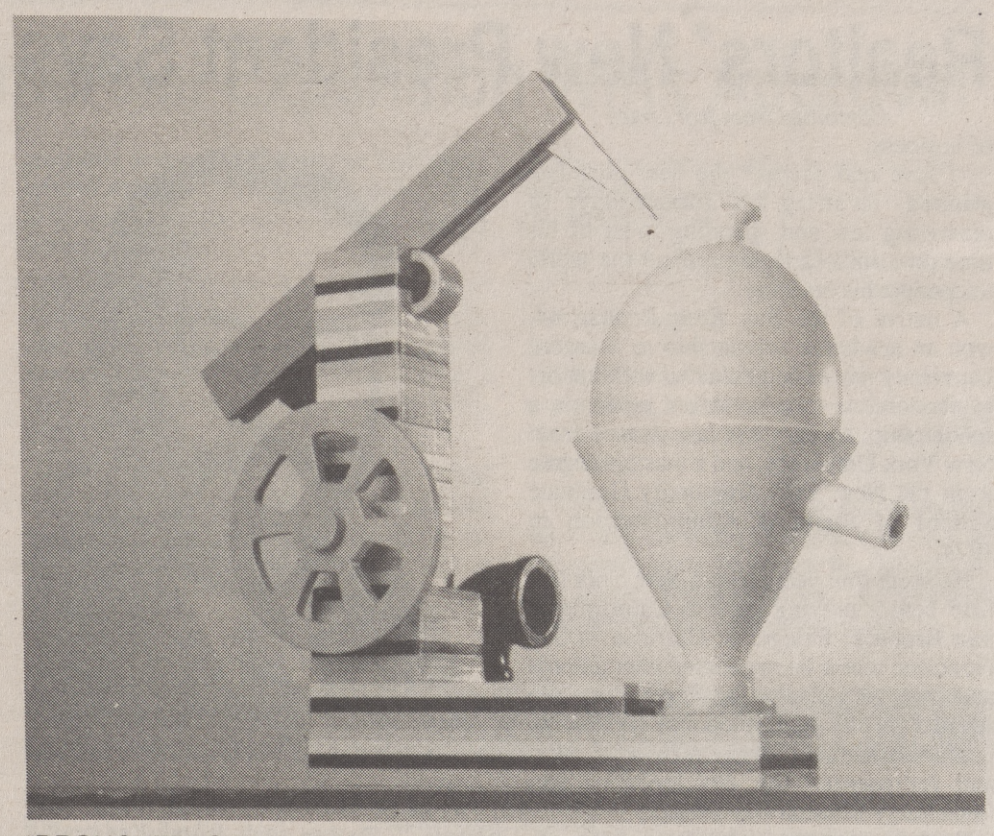
In all his paintings the watercolor is channelled between hard edges. The effect is clean, cut out and cold.

Wilda Northrup's work is the utter control of the craftsman, from images she has photographed and projected onto the paper, to the painstaking filling in of detail. Again, the watercolor is channelled within the hard boundaries of each object. But the white paper isn't so much used as a design element as shiny highlights in richly colored tapestries, oriental carpets, fruits and vessels.

These paintings have that feel of given enough tools and enough time anything can be reproduced, because they are essentially identical paintings. It is as if one large painting was cut into many pieces. None of the paintings have a character of their own; they are interchangeable. It is not so much about finding the essential nature of the subject as duplicating it. It is bravura technique, and technique is the end result. She is not aesthetics and shape oriented or even content oriented. She is technique oriented.

Stone's work is the most resolutely designed of the three. The linear elements are so strong as to suggest a printed image reminiscent of the Wiener Werkstatte school of Vienna and even its parent influence the Ukiyo e woodcuts of Japan.

Of the three artists Stone has the most command of the elements that make a picture: design of shape, negative/positive, values and color design. Some of this talent is squandered a bit on a more superficial or trite or lightweight? selection: "Second Hand on Polk" and "Ristorante on Polk." His several "Victorian's" are no more than illustration. But "Gateway to Chinatown" and "View of Alcatraz" rise above the ordinary and partake of the best of...making a painting.



"DROUGHTBUSTER" is the name of this glazed ceramic teapot designed by Sally Gaynor of Santa Cruz. Her show "Water Works" at the Winfield Gallery at the Crossroads explores California's drought.

Kids Concert Scheduled For Sunset Center Jan. 3

Linda Arnold, sometimes called "The Queen of Kid Rock," will bring her show featuring props, puppets and catchy tunes to Sunset Center in Carmel again on Sunday, Jan. 3.

The 2 p.m. performance is sponsored by Thunderbird for Kids. Tickets are $5 and are available at Thunderbird for Kids in Carmel's Barnyard.

Last year, Arnold, a Santa Cruz mother of two, held a near capacity crowd of 700 spellbound at Sunset Center with her performance. She has made four recordings, *Make Believe, Happiness Cake, Peppermint Wings and Rainbow Palace.* In addition, she recently released a videotape, *World of Make Believe,* a storybook concert for children.

Harrison Library Suggests Last Minute Yule Gift Idea

Carmel's Harrison Memorial Library is suggesting tickets to its next Authors-by-the-Sea lecture are an excellent last minute Christmas gift. The speaker on Jan. 22 will be Joseph McNamara, former San Jose police chief and a best selling mystery writer.

Tickets to his lecture at 8 p.m. in the library's reading room are $12 each at the circulation desk. Proceeds go to buy new books.

McNamara, who holds a Ph.D from Harvard, is the author of *The First Detective* and *Fatal Command*, both highly praised. For information, call 624-4629.

Father Serra Program Set

James Kinney of Pacific Grove will portray Father Junipero Serra in an original, one-man historical presentation about the founding of the early California missions. Kinney will perform the program at the Carmel Woman's Club Jan. 4 at 2 p.m. at 9th and San Carlos in Carmel. The public is invited to attend. Call 659-5027 for a reservation.

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Realtors' New President Says It's a Good Time to Buy

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of business.

"I love real estate," the new president grinned, recalling his former days of practicing law and spending most of his time on airplanes flying around the world to conduct his business.

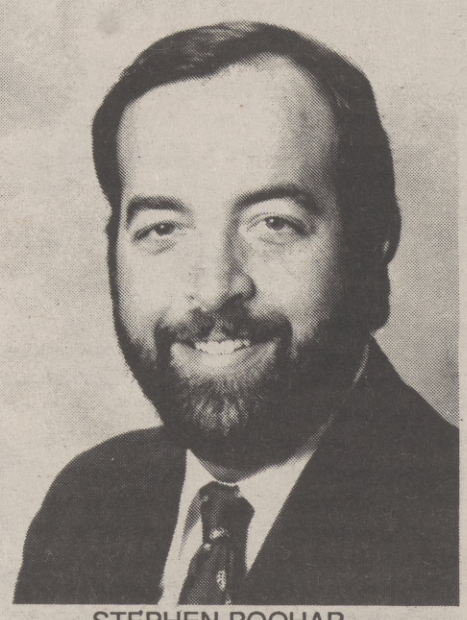
A native of the Bay Area, Poohar, 44, won an academic scholarship to Stanford University where he graduated with honors in economics, then went on, again on a scholarship, to earn his law degree from New York University, and a masters degree from the New York University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1974.

He spent four years with a New York law firm before moving back to California to join Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in San Francisco where he negotiated international and domestic deals and financings. He advised the city on development and financing for a potential resource recovery facility and represented the developer of San Francisco's Mission Bay Project.

Poohar managed the Palo Alto office of the Phoenix law firm of Brown & Bain and was the chief operating officer of Aquanautics Corp. of San Francisco, a chemical separations firm, before giving up law to enter the real estate business in Carmel in 1987. He is with Fox and Carskadon.

Given his background, Poohar was a natural to get involved in the community and was named to the Planning Commission by former Mayor Jean Grace in 1988 to fill an unexpired term He was reappointed in 1989.

As vice chairman, Poohar was in line to step up when Chair Carla Ramsey's term expired this year but he was fired by incoming Mayor Ken White who wanted some of his own people on the powerful and controversial commission.



STEPHEN POOHAR

"I miss the process. I miss the people," Poohar said. "And I'm really disappointed at the lack of critical analysis of the issues by the present commission—like the Trip Reduction Ordinance, the Architectural Preservation Ordinance. We're seeing a desire to rubber stamp the staff position without thinking about all the issues involved.

"They just want to go along," he said of the present commissioners.

But, now that he is removed from the governmental process, Poohar said, "I don't think it matters who's on the city council or the planning commission. You can't do that much harm. The rules are so difficult to understand that people don't pay attention to them."

On the zoning ordinance just passed after 2-1/2 years of hearings and study, he said, "We had the opportunity to create regulations that people could understand. We had a good handle on it, then the staff intervened with changes.

"I've had all sorts of clients who've moved outside Carmel to the Barnyard, Monterey, Pacific Grove" because of the difficulty of doing business in Carmel, he said.

Poohar said he had never been involved with a group that has greater community involvement than the Realtors who, he said, "by and large are the most knowledgeable people around here, yet they often don't get the credit for their knowledge and input.

"We've identified our idea of development. The real estate community has a strong interest in property rights. People should have a reasonable right to develop their property in accordance with community standards and environmental concerns. To threaten that would be unconstitutional, it would be a taking without payment."

He said government here "has been used to limit growth when the proper tool should be zoning regulations."

Philosophical about his ouster by White, Poohar said, "You use up your political capital on the Planning Commission. In deciding issues based on what you believe is the best interest of the community, you're going to make people upset. If your objective is to make everybody happy, you could stay on there forever."

Though his mien is mostly serious, Poohar had several hundred people in stitches laughing when he participated in one of the skits at the Realtors' officers' installation at Pebble Beach recently.

Poohar and three other equally large men got themselves into black tights and brown shirts with flimsy wings and danced around the stage to portray termites in a hilarious skit depicting termite eradication as if it were a football game between the bugs and the exterminators.

Divorced several years ago, he lives in what he believes is one of the oldest structures in Carmel, a house called "The Barn." After four years on the Planning Commission during which he attended council meetings regularly, Poohar is no longer in the audience. His attention now is taken up with representing the real estate board at the local and state level.

Designer of Del Mesa Carmel Dies

Fred E. Brooks, a retired architectural designer and well-known watercolorist who designed the Valley's Del Mesa Carmel, died Dec. 13 while vacationing in Friday Harbor, Wash. He was 78.

A native of Walnut Creek, Brooks had lived on the Monterey Peninsula for 28 years. As an architectural designer, he worked for Hilton Hotels and other large commercial clients and did all of the award-winning design for the Del Mesa Carmel retirement community. At the same time, his watercolors were attracting increasing acclaim and is represented in many collections.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ann; a son, Bob of Carmel Valley; a sister; and two grandchildren.

At his request, no services will be held. The family suggested any memorials be sent to the Carmel High Athletic Program at P. O. Box 22780, Carmel, 93922, or the donor's favorite charity.

Skywatch to Run Jan. 7

Dr. Ana Torres Dodgen's monthly column, Skywatch, detailing astronomical events during January, will appear in the Jan. 7 issue of the *Sun*.

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HOME SALES

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from December 6, through December 13, 1992. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sale prices are estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the county.

The Sun makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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2 SE 10TH/SAN CARLOS. Queen Anne of Carmel Ltd. to Gertrud A. Schneider. $500,000.

LINCOLN STREET. Timothy A. and Lisa Mallery to John J. and Patricia R. Rogoff. $650,000.

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WESTSIDE HIGHWAY #1. Gurries Management to Ronald J. Gurries. $225,000.

26535 FISHER DRIVE. Andrew S. and Diana L. Mann to Joseph M. and Lisa J. Holdridge. $257,500.

Carmel Valley

222 PUNTA DEL MONTE. Thomas G. and Rose M. Milloway to William Bickel. $158,000.

Pacific Grove

1102 LINCOLN AVENUE. Penny R. Warkentin to Evelyn K. Brown. $255,000.

1121 MILES AVENUE. Geraldine E. Nelson to Herbert Schirle. $225,000.

1155 PRESIDIO BOULEVARD. Ray M. Suzanne D. Carrasco to Michael T. Sullivan $219,000.

Pebble Beach

3061 CORMORANT ROAD. Melville E. Willson to Lynn W. Cullington. $258,500.

1147 MESTRES DRIVE. Roy R. and Dianne M. Auerbach to George W. Haines. $383,500.

PORQUE LANE. Bill and Bonnie J. McIninch to Walter T. and Caroline R. Wollny. $675,000.

White Oak Commercial Expansion Wins Approval

Henry Ryu, owner of White Oak Plaza, received Planning Commission approval to create nearly 5,000 square feet of new commercial space on his property in the center of Carmel Valley Village.

The project involves removing one residential structure, converting the remaining two residences to commercial property and constructing three new, single-story commercial buildings.

With 4,918 square feet of new construction and conversion of the two residences, the project would provide a total of 6,932 commercial/retail space.

The vote on Dec. 16 was eight in favor of the permit, one opposed and one abstaining. Commissioner Jo Stallard voted against it, and Tom Glau abstained.

Another Village project, a use permit for commercial storage and auto repair on Via Contenta just above the Running Iron Restaurant, was continued until Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. Applicant Herbert Adams will use the time to try to get noise reports done for the health department, county staff said.

Neighbors from the White Oaks, a residential area south of the proposed Ryu development, voiced worries about water drainage, septic drainage and increased traffic on Paso Hondo during the commission's deliberations.

Sherwood Hall asked if a proposed Paso Hondo exit from the plaza could be limited or blocked with a gate to reduce traffic. He also asked for special attention to water drainage problems from the plaza. "Many of our houses down there are already sitting on water," he said.

Bobbie Bruhn, another White Oaks resident whose home is directly behind the proposed development, said she had underground seepage through her property eight to 20 inches down with a definite odor of sewage.

"Mr. Ryu hasn't been a very good neighbor," she said, recalling problems with trash overflow, trees needing trimmed and weed abatement. She said it took a "great deal of time" to correct those situations.

Paul Davis, project architect, said he had talked with public works and that department would recommend no parking on the east side of Paso Hondo. Also, he agreed to plans for just an exit for the plaza onto that road.

The commission added a condition for an independent consultant to oversee drainage on the property.

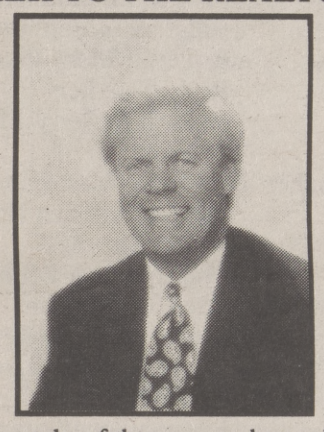
Davis said the septic leach field would be moved to the upper part of the property as part of the project.

Chairman Mo Orrett said, "I trust you and the health department are working closely. As you know that whole area has problems."

Mary Anne Dennis, county environmental health manager, said the water use on the property would drop from 900 gallons per day to 300 gallons due to the switch from residential to commercial use.

John Saar's Real Estate Viewpoint

TALK TO THE REALTOR



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Padres Handily Win Own Hoop Tourney

The Carmel Padres won their own 46th annual Invitational Basketball Tournament Saturday night, handily dispensing with league rival Palma High for the championship. The score was 64-41.

Padre junior point guard R. J. Powell, who scored 20 points in the final and 17 the night before against Seaside, was named most valuable player of the tourney.

He was joined by teammate Ryan Edwards on the all-tournament team. Edwards scored 13 in the final.

Seaside High took third place, topping Monterey 59-51. Carmel got to the finals by beating Seaside 51-43 Friday night. In that game, Nate Stiles complemented Powell's scoring by hitting for 13, including a key three-pointer that put the Padres ahead in the third quarter and sparked a winning rally.

The tournament wins brought Carmel to an 8-1 preseason mark. The Padres will begin Mission Trail Athletic League play Jan. 5 against King City at home. The Padres' post-holiday schedule includes:

Jan. 5	**King City**
Jan. 9	**Blackburn, Australia**
Jan. 12	Alisal
Jan. 15	**Gonzales**
Jan. 19	Palma
Jan. 22	**Stevenson**
Jan. 26	Pacific Grove
Feb. 2	**Alisal**
Feb. 5	Gonzales
Feb. 9	**Palma**
Feb. 12	Stevenson
Feb. 16	**Pacific Grove**
Feb. 19	King City

Bold indicates Home Game

Carmel Girls Edged

Monterey beat the Carmel girls 37-33 Saturday night in a non-conference game despite 14 points by the Padres' Erin Kraft. Carmel's league schedule includes:

Jan. 5	King City
Jan. 8	**Santa Catalina**
Jan. 12	**Alisal**
Jan. 15	Gonzales
Jan. 19	**Notre Dame**
Jan. 22	Stevenson
Jan. 26	**Pacific Grove**
Jan. 29	Santa Catalina
Feb. 2	Alisal
Feb. 5	**Gonzales**
Feb. 9	Notre Dame
Feb. 12	**Stevenson**
Feb. 16	Pacific Grove
Feb. 19	**King City**

On Carmel Point Lot

Land Use Policies, Herons Collide

Do black crowned herons have priority over county land use plans which call for eradication of eucalyptus trees? Or can a Kansas City judge cut down eucalyptus where herons nest to build a house on his lot at Stewart and Ocean View near Carmel Beach?

The County Planning Commission continued a hearing on the issue until its Feb.10 meeting after hearing testimony from environmentalists and the project architect at a Dec.16 hearing.

The commission asked the applicant to bring back documents from the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and the Big Sur Land Trust saying they aren't interested in purchasing the property as a preserve for the herons.

The applicant is Federal Judge D. Brook Bartlett, trustee for the estate that owns the lot. He has said he would sell it to a land preservation group.

Meantime, project architect Ray Parks said he would try to see if fewer trees could be cut down on the lot. He also suggested, "Let the Audubon Society buy it."

County land use policies label eucalyptus trees as non-native pests. But on the lot near Carmel beach, the herons are said to have their only nesting rookery in Monterey County. The birds live throughout the United States and Canada and are not classified as endangered, but are on a State Fish and Game list of special concern.

Sometimes 20 pairs are at the rookery and sometimes as few as four pairs, said Don Roberson, an Audubon Society member. He testified it is the only colony of black crowned night herons in Monterey County. The birds require access to marshes and wetlands and forage at dusk and night, he said.

Vernal Yadon, hired by the Bartlett trust to prepare a report on the birds, said they probably nest in the eucalyptus trees to protect themselves from raccoons and opossums. He said he had counted 13 nests on the lot and 14 birds at any one time.

Commissioner Tom Glau said he didn't think it was fair to make one person carry the whole burden of preserving the land. "He ends up carrying the burden for the whole community," Glau said. "I think it's unfair."

Parks said the lot is very small, and it has been difficult to design a house for it.

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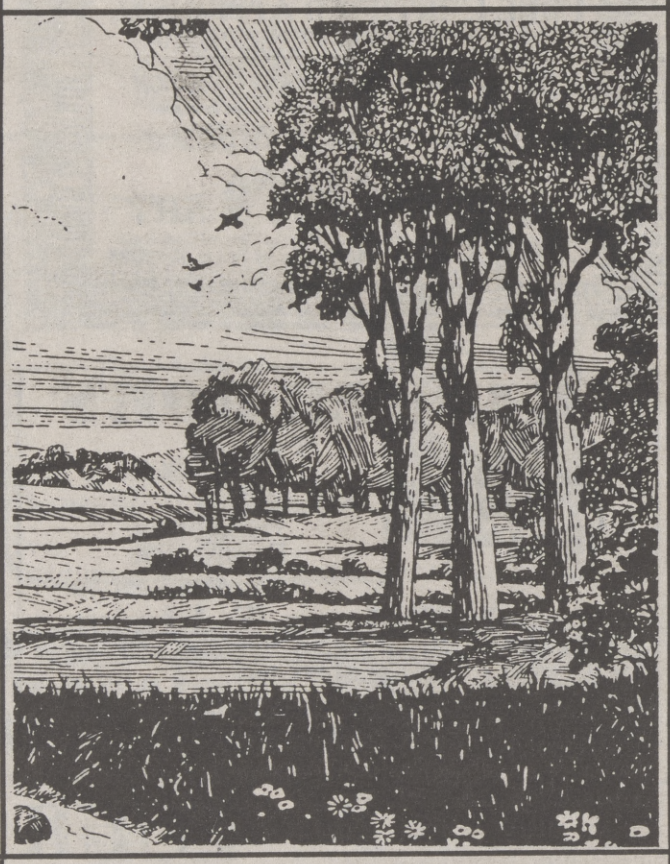

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